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## Giving a Voice to the Past

*Any town celebrating an historic landmark like a sesquicentennial should have a friend like Joyce M. Tice.*

Tice, a 1966 Mansfield State College alumna, maintains a local genealogy and history website that includes 15,300 pages (and growing). Officially called "Tri-Counties Genealogy and History Site by Joyce M. Tice," the electronic library, located at [www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm), covers the history of Tioga, Bradford and Chemung (N.Y.) counties.

With all of the research involved in the Mansfield Sesquicentennial celebration, Tice's site has been an invaluable resource. Just a quick search of the site brings up 2,301 pages related to Mansfield.

The site includes reprints of things like diaries, newspapers, legal records, obituaries, and plenty of local genealogical data from the three county area.

"I do it because I'm interested (in history and genealogy)," Tice said. "The more you do, the more interested you get. It captures you."

Tice's interest is in sharing how the local pioneers lived through their own words.

"This is their voice," Tice said of her site.

The library also includes a poem attributed to Henry Allen, simply titled Mansfield.

"But the old friends and the new friends / That I'm always meeting here / Is the reason of all reasons / Why the town to me is dear / And when I get my summons / And my bark slips out to sea / I hope I'll find another home / That's just as dear to me," the poem concludes.

The key to understanding history is understanding the "time and place" in which our forebears lived and worked.



Joyce Tice '66 visiting the archives in North Hall.

"History is about time and place and people are a product of time and place," Tice said.

As a result, her electronic library is organized around the dozens of communities in the region, including a comprehensive section on Mansfield.

Just one example of her work is recreating old postcards. She has a set of postcards that were created and sold at the Carpenter and Pierce Drug Store in Troy in 1907. The postcards showed images from the region.

Tice plans to take modern photos from the same angles as the 1907 photographs this summer since the originals were also taken during the summer. Because the postcards were numbered in sequential order, it is even possible to recreate the route of the original photographer.

"It's surprising how much has not changed in the last 100 years," Tice said, half joking.

The Mansfield portion of the on-line library also includes a then-and-now (as of 2002 anyway) shot of the Mansfield plaza. Older photographs depict a tea room and another shows a condensary on the same location. Another series of shots shows the Mansfield opera house where the borough offices are now located. The opera house burned in 1913. Tice's site even includes a photo of the aftermath of the fire.

Tice's first love, though, is genealogy. She started the Sullivan-Rutland Genealogy Project in 1992 while living in Cortland County, N.Y. Four years later, she started the history site. From there, the project grew into what it is today.

"What I'm doing is microhistory," Tice said.

By piecing together things like diary entries, newspaper clippings, photographs, military records, official minutes of public meetings, church and census records and information compiled in family bibles, it is possible to give a voice to our ancestors, she said. After 15 years of cataloguing three counties' worth of family histories, Tice is very familiar with the various people who built the area into what it is today.

"I can tell you who they are by their first name or nickname," she said.



1906

A photo taken at a campus Halloween party in 1906. Several more photos and postcards from Joyce Tice's collection can be found on page 6.

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# FROM MY VIEW

## Celebrating the Past, Looking Forward to the Future

"History is the ship carrying living memories to the future."  
— Stephen Spender

I count myself fortunate to be the president of Mansfield University and to hold this office at this time, our sesquicentennial year, makes me feel doubly blessed.

This year, in which the university and the Borough of Mansfield both celebrate their 150th birthdays, has brought me into contact with many people who have a special love for the community and its history.

These people include Joyce Tice, who is featured in this issue of *The Mansfieldian*, and all the staff, faculty and townspeople, many of whom are alumni, who serve on the sesquicentennial committees. They all do great work and give endlessly of themselves so that all of us can appreciate our shared heritage and celebrate this milestone as a community.

Please take time to visit Joyce's website and Mansfield's sesquicentennial website to learn more about our shared history. I also hope you will make time to be part of the special events being planned to celebrate this special year.

One of those events that I am really looking forward to is Alumni Weekend, June 7-10, 2007. I cannot think of a better way to complete my first year as your president than meeting more of the people who have made — and continue to make — Mansfield and Mansfield University so special.

*Maravene Loeschke*  
Maravene Loeschke  
President



## Veterans of United States Armed Services

In the spirit of the 150th Anniversary of Mansfield University, we are planning to honor all US Veterans who have served our country, from those early days in the mid-1800s through today. We are attempting to compile a record of students, faculty, employees and founders who have an association with Mansfield and are serving or have served in the Armed Forces, either at home or abroad. Our hope is to display the historical information during Alumni Weekend in June 2007, and that this collection will become a permanent record in the university history. We hope you can join us for the dedication of a veteran's monument, followed by a reception planned for Saturday, June 9 at approximately 5 p.m. See page 8 for details.

We need your help! As this is a work in progress, we would appreciate assistance from veterans (family or friends) who are willing to share your service history and/or possibly a photo or two. You can send information to Steve Orner at [sorner@mansfield.edu](mailto:sorner@mansfield.edu) or to: Alumni House, Attn: Steve Orner, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933.



# The CAMPAIGN for Mansfield University

*Our Special Mission...Our Future*

Campaign Update February 28, 2007

Greetings from Campaign Chair Ralph H. Meyer.

As of February 28, 2007 we have raised \$10,157,516\* toward our campaign goal of \$10,370,000. New gifts have created new scholarship endowments for deserving students and supported other important initiatives. President Loeschke's request for gifts to support the Student Leadership Endowment Fund has attracted \$10,000 to the Student Life Enrichment campaign goal, and we are still counting.

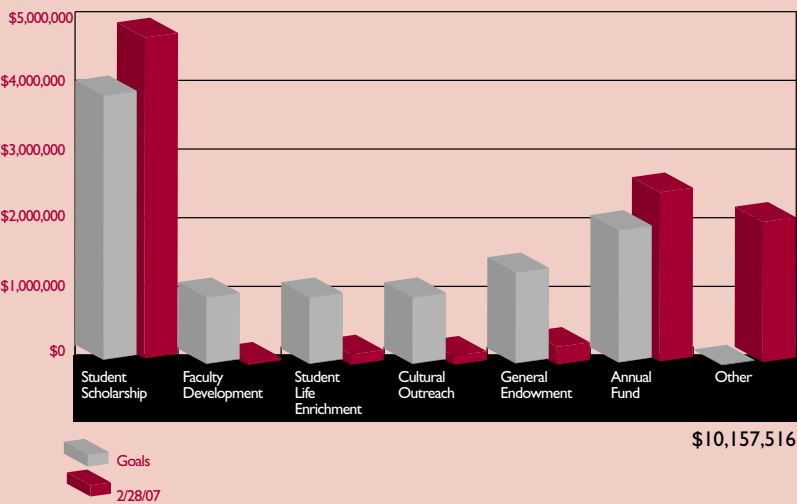
It is our hope to successfully close Mansfield's first-ever comprehensive campaign on time and within budget by June 30, 2007. Please do not hesitate to call Maureen McKenna (phone 570 662-4827; email [mmckenna@mansfield.edu](mailto:mmckenna@mansfield.edu)) if you have any questions, are considering a gift, or would like information about estate planning through gifts that may benefit you, your family, and Mansfield University.

### PROPOSALS BEING CONSIDERED:

Businesses: .....\$248,000  
Alumni and Friends: .....\$591,000

\*note: includes planned gifts at face value and pledges that will continue to be paid after July 1, 2007.

### OUR SPECIAL MISSION: OUR FUTURE PROGRESS AS OF FEBRUARY 2007



## letters to Mansfield

Letters to Mansfield  
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Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters may be edited for space and clarity.

# Mansfield University in the National News

MU faculty and administrators are frequently in the national news, often contributing to the public dialogue on important issues. MU's programs and practices make news also. Here are examples:



Maravene Loeschke

Julia Overton-Healy

Mike Reid

"What we are charged with doing right now is identifying the critical aspects and disasters that could impact areas on campus," said Mike Reid, university vice president for finance and administration, in a story about the development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, March 4, 2007.

"There are a lot of ways to prepare for careers, but I will defend the theater major as one of the best preparations for a career and for life." Leoschke adds that the basics of theater, such as public speaking and teamwork, can easily translate into any business." – MU President Maravene S. Loeschke in Chicago Tribune's nationally syndicated CareerBuilder section, February 18, 2007.

"Career service directors were the first to feel the tide of parental love. Julia Overton-Healy, who runs that office at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, tells of a call from a parent demanding to know the time and place of her son's on-campus job interview, so she could be there too." – The New York Times, February 11, 2007, in an article titled "Parents Who Can't Resist Smoothing Life's Bumps."

"To eliminate the football program at Mansfield was the most difficult decision of my 38-year career in higher education. There was no joy in it; no feeling of accomplishment; no feeling of victory. Instead there was a deep sense of loss and sadness." – MU President Maravene S. Loeschke in InsideHigherEd.Com, February 9, 2007.

# PALS Program adds Ethnic and Geographic Diversity to Campus

Mansfield University's Prospective African-American and Latino(a) Students (PALS) program has expanded recruitment efforts over a wider geographical region and gives the university more visibility in a broader range of communities. The goal is to recruit students for greater ethnic and geographic diversity on the campus.

Assistant Director of Admissions Lee Bostic '93 founded the program in 2002, and notes the impact on the university and student life. In fall 2002 undergraduate enrollment of students of color was 6%. That figure is projected to rise to 10% in the fall 2007 semester. Undergraduate enrollment from outside Pennsylvania has also increased. Bostic notes, "The Good Neighbor tuition policy for all New York counties and a tuition subsidy program in Washington DC has really helped with recruitment in those areas." Bostic plans to expand recruitment efforts in Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, West Chester County NY, New York City boroughs, Long Island, Virginia, and Washington DC. PALS also sponsors subsidized bus trips from Mansfield so students can visit home for the various university breaks, as many students from urban areas do not own cars.

Bostic said students help with recruitment through word-of-mouth advertising. Parents have been pleased with the program. "Mansfield University is the number one school for my daughter," one parent said. "All I've ever heard from her for the past year was how much she loves the university. She couldn't stop talking about how well the atmosphere connected with her lifestyle."

Enrolled students help the PALS program by participating in recruitment trips and by welcoming new freshman to campus. Membership is open to any current Mansfield University student in satisfactory academic standing from any ethnic background. For more information, contact Lee Bostic at 570-662-4247 or lbostic@mansfield.edu.

The PALS program receives funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and support from the Mansfield University Admissions Office.

# Local Youth Leaders Recognized with Scholarships

Outstanding high school seniors and their families were recognized February 26, 2007 at the annual Youth Leaders of Tomorrow Banquet held at New Covenant Academy. Each year, teachers and administrators at Liberty High School, Mansfield High School, New Covenant Academy, and North Penn High School nominate their top seniors for recognition as Youth Leaders of Tomorrow. Students are selected based on their academic achievement, community service, and excellence in leadership positions. The Youth Leaders of Tomorrow Program is sponsored by the Greater Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce. The committee is chaired by Bruce Dart '68, chamber president, who has organized the program for over 26 years.

The guest speaker for the 2007 Youth Leaders of Tomorrow Banquet, MU President Maravene Loeschke, told the audience that "Good leadership is service," and exhorted students to "Connect good leadership with good learning." She identified key characteristics of good leaders – making good use of one's talents, having passion for what you do and compassion for whom you lead, exercising self-discipline, using a positive attitude to yield positive energy, solving problems, being courageous, and presenting oneself to others with humility and respect. President Loeschke noted that her leadership roles had come about because she had stayed open to new opportunities and challenges while pursuing her dreams and goals.

An outstanding Youth Leader from each school was recognized, as well as an overall Youth Leader. Students received scholarships provided by local banks, the Chamber of Commerce, and gifts to the Mansfield University Foundation. The 2007 awardees were Catherine Ostrom from North Penn



MU President Loeschke with the students honored at the banquet who plan on enrolling at Mansfield. (L-R) Jillian Butters, Ashley Ensminger, Kristin Broughton, President Loeschke, Rachael Whiting, Kristen Hart, Catherine Ostrom. Not pictured: Rebecca Cunningham

High School, Katherine Greco from Mansfield High School, Rebecca Charles from New Covenant Academy, and Mark Bowne from North Penn High School who was also recognized as the overall Youth Leader of the Year for 2007.

Betsy Brune, grants officer for Mansfield University and a member of the Youth Leaders Committee, announced scholarship awards for students planning to attend Mansfield University: Kristin Broughton, Jillian Butters, Rebecca Cunningham, Ashley Ensminger, Kristen Hart, Catherine Ostrom, and Rachael Whiting. The Mansfield University Foundation provides these scholarships annually; over the past ten years, the Foundation has provided \$12,000 in Youth Leader Scholarship awards to 40 students.

Other major contributors to the Youth Leaders program include First Citizens National Bank, Citizens & Northern Bank, Northwest Savings, Ward Manufacturing, as well as many local businesses, civic organizations and individuals.



# Social Work Program Preparing Students for Changes in Field

Mansfield University is one of 72 institutions nationwide participating in a project focused on changing the shape of social work at all levels, with the goal of preparing social work graduates to be just as effective as advocates and resources for the older citizens of their communities as they are for children.

The project is administered through the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) GERO-Ed Center and is supported by the John A. Hartford Foundation, which has committed over \$50 million nationwide for its Geriatric Social Work Initiative.

As the baby boom generation ages and life expectancy increases, demand for social workers continues to grow. To meet this need, social work education programs must prepare students with gerontological competencies to improve the care and well-being of an increasing number of older adults and their families.

"The common image of the social worker as a hardworking, dedicated child-welfare advocate, embodied by Maxine, Tyne Daly's character in the TV show 'Judging Amy,' no longer suffices as a portrayal of what society needs from its well-trained social workers," MU Associate Professor and Director of the Social Work Program Nancy Sidell said.

The Social Work Program at Mansfield University has developed innovative ways to infuse gerontological competencies into students' required course work so that every student graduates with foundation knowledge and skills to work with older adults. It has also created other experiential opportunities to recruit students to the field of gerontological social work.

Now in its last year of the project, the MU Social Work Program first planned and implemented changes to increase the gerontological competencies and content in the required social work curriculum. Faculty are continuing implementation, evaluating the impact of curriculum changes, and disseminating their findings to national social work programs.

One of the major accomplishments of the project was to increase the involvement of students with older adults and build more opportunities and interest in practicing with the older population. Additionally, opportunities for continuing interdepartmental collaboration were enhanced. The program is also involved in hosting a "Careers in Aging Week" April 8 – 14.

As a result of infusion activities, students were required to complete interviews with older persons around a social problem topic. One student

participant completing an internship in an aging setting wrote: "I was nervous about working with older people but once I got started I realized that ... most of them are kind and they just need some help with certain things. A lot of the consumers that I visit love to have company and they are just as interested in me as I am in them."

An older participant of an aging-infused research project wrote a thank you letter to the project director, indicating his delight with the experience. "It was especially pleasing since I have long advocated closer relationships between my and younger generations.... Perhaps the learning experience of my 93 years ... will benefit social understanding. Bringing generations together for mutual learning directly benefits all involved."

The number of older persons, particularly the oldest old (85+), is growing rapidly. As a result, social workers in all practice settings — child welfare, schools, mental health clinics, or health facilities — increasingly interact with older adults and their families.

"When elders need assistance, they receive it mainly from their families or a combination of family care and community-based health and social services," Janice Purk, assistant professor of sociology, said. "Therefore, coordinating care with older adults, their families, and complex service networks is crucial."

Gerontological social workers serve as "navigators" and "expeditors," enabling older adults and families to understand and choose among the array of health and social services. They empower older adults and their family caregivers to find the assistance they need. They also facilitate family support, provide counseling and direct services, and coordinate care delivered through professional systems. And they advocate addressing the gaps in services for older adults.

"Students in the Social Work Program are now better prepared to play these roles in a wide range of practice settings," Sidell said. "Mansfield University's Social Work Program is on the vanguard of a national movement among leaders in health and social services, funders, and policy-makers to expand the workforce of social service professionals with much needed expertise working with older adults."

For more information on the MU Social Work Program, check online at [www.mansfield.edu/~sswanthr/](http://www.mansfield.edu/~sswanthr/) or contact Sidell at (570)662-4489 or [nsidell@mansfield.edu](mailto:nsidell@mansfield.edu) or Purk at (570)662-4486 or [jpurk@mansfield.edu](mailto:jpurk@mansfield.edu).

## Famed Profiler Visits Campus

It was standing room only for Associate Professor Scott Thornsley's Introduction to Criminal Justice class on February 1. Students, faculty, staff, reporters and others jammed into a Retan Center classroom to hear famed profiler Richard Walter speak.

Walter, a criminal psychologist and profiler, who has helped solve several high profile cases nationally and internationally, did not disappoint. He kept the crowd enthralled with details of some of cases in which he has been involved.

Walter talked about his recent consultation with Scotland Yard about what may be the ultimate "cold case," Jack the Ripper. He believes Montague John Druitt, a friend of Prince Albert Victor, a popular suspect, is the true culprit.

Walter also spent time taking the genre of current TV hit shows based on profiling and forensics to task. "These idiots think that the answer lies in minutia," he said.

Then, speaking directly to the students, he added, "Learn as many facts as you can but factual information without assignment of value is meaningless."

Jesse Tyler, a junior from Montrose, PA, was among those listening intently. Tyler, whose father is a friend of Walter, helped arrange for his visit to MU.

Tyler knew Walter was highly respected in law enforcement circles but he didn't realize how big a figure he was until he mentioned him to Thornsley.



(L-R) Associate Professor Scott Thornsley and MU junior Jesse Tyler talk with Richard Walter after his presentation to Thornsley's class.

"I didn't know he was as big a deal as he is," Tyler said. "Then I talked to my father and talked to Dr. Thornsley and we looked at some of the cases he's been involved with."

"It's an incredible opportunity," Thornsley said of having Walter speak to his class. "Not only does he have a national reputation, he has an international reputation."

Walter was accompanied by Michael Capuzzo, publisher of Mountain Home magazine and a four-time Pulitzer Prize nominated author who lives in Wellsboro. Capuzzo is writing a book about the Vidocq Society, a group based in Philadelphia that helps solve "cold case" homicides and unsolved deaths of which Walter is one of the founders. The book, *Angels of Vengeance*, is due to be published in 2008.





## Upcoming Alumni & Friends Travel

For more information call MU Alumni office at 570-662-4853 or visit [www.alumnivacations.com](http://www.alumnivacations.com). For reservations call 1-800-506-7447.

### British Isles Cruise July 3–16, 2007

Sailing roundtrip from London (Southampton), England, this 10-day British Isles cruise includes the following destinations: England (London/Guernsey); Wales (Holyhead); Ireland (Dublin/Belfast); Scotland (Glasgow/Orkney Islands/Edinburgh); France (Paris/Normandy).

Pricing starts at approximately \$3500 pp double occupancy and includes roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia or Newark, airport transfers, port charges and all meals onboard ship. Call for pricing from other cities. Optional two-night pre-cruise package in London is available.

### Alaska Cruise August 10-17, 2007

Sail round-trip from Seattle, Washington to the breathtaking glaciers of Alaska. Witness the spectacular wilderness that is home to bald eagles, whales, and bears. Pricing starts at \$1960 pp and includes roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia or Pittsburgh. Call for pricing from other cities. Optional five-night pre-cruise land package of the Canadian Rockies available.

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| August 10 | Board ship. Depart Seattle, WA                             |
| August 11 | At sea                                                     |
| August 12 | Juneau, Alaska                                             |
| August 13 | Scenic cruising Frederick Sound, Scenic cruising Tracy Arm |
| August 14 | Sitka, Alaska                                              |
| August 15 | Ketchikan, Alaska                                          |
| August 16 | Victoria, British Columbia                                 |
| August 17 | Arrive Seattle, WA                                         |

### Mediterranean Cruise November 5-15, 2007

This voyage presents the past in all its glory and complements this historical perspective with a collection of modern delights. Prices start at \$2500 pp (double occupancy) and include round trip air from Philadelphia, all meals onboard, transfers, government taxes and port charges. Call for pricing from other cities.

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| November 5     | Depart Athens, Greece     |
| November 6     | Kusadasi, Turkey          |
| November 7     | Crete, Greece             |
| November 8     | Cruise the Mediterranean  |
| November 9     | Valletta, Malta           |
| November 10    | Messina, Italy            |
| November 11    | Naples/Capri, Italy       |
| November 12    | Ajaccio (Corsica), France |
| November 13    | Florence/Pisa, Italy      |
| November 14/15 | Rome, Italy               |

### Mozart's Christmas December 1-8, 2007

Unique 8-day land journey to some of Europe's most picturesque cities – Salzburg, Linz, Vienna and Prague – cities associated with the life of one of the world's greatest composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Prices start at \$2069 pp (double occupancy) and include air/taxes/insurance from Philadelphia, hotels and some meals.

## MU "On the Air"



(L-R) Multimedia Resources Director Mark Polonia goes over camera operation techniques with MU student Maurice Whiteside before a basketball game broadcast.

Select Mansfield University athletic and music events are now being shown to Blue Ridge Communication cable TV subscribers in Tioga County, PA.

Two MU men's basketball games were shown in February.

The March 29 Inaugural concert, celebrating the

inauguration of Maravene Loeschke as Mansfield's 26th president, and the MU Jazz Festival concert on April 27 will also be broadcast in an edited form.

Communication students, supervised by Instructor James Lohrey and Multimedia Resources Director Mark Polonia, run the cameras, produce, direct and handle all other aspects of the Mansfield broadcasts. Music Business majors assist on the concert productions.

"This is a wonderful example of a partnership between the university and a local business that provides a win for everybody," Provost Michael Renner said. "Our students get real-world experience that prepares them for their future careers, and the community gets an easy way to take a look at some of the wonderful things happening on our campus. Mansfield University wants to be a cultural resource, and we're grateful to Blue Ridge Communication for their support of this project."

"The partnership between Mansfield University and Blue Ridge Communications to broadcast University events to our local communities is a great opportunity," Tom Freeman, general manager of Blue Ridge Communication, said. "I believe MU is showing a high level of commitment to the region they serve by beginning to showcase their students and programs on local cable television."

Mansfield University and Blue Ridge Communications technicians have recently completed a project to upgrade MU's cable infrastructure, which will allow for live broadcasts and the transmission of events from a variety of campus locations in the future.

## Society of Honors Call for Nominations

Each year outstanding alumni achievements are recognized through the Society of Honors Program.

To nominate Mansfield University Alumni for the following award(s), please check the applicable category. Complete the form below and attach a narrative citing the basis for the nomination.

#### ☐ **ALUMNI CITATION**

Recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions to society through professional, civic and philanthropic work.

#### ☐ **ELSIE BURKE SERVICE**

Acknowledges outstanding loyalty or service to Mansfield University.

#### ☐ **DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR**

Recognizes outstanding teacher, principal or administrator, for service and dedication to education.

#### ☐ **OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI**

Given for outstanding professional performance and achievements to alumni who have graduated in the last 25 years.

NAME OF NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-MAIL:** [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu)

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**Questions? 570-662-4179**



Giving Voice to the Past, continued from page 1



Tice, who has been using computers since the 1970s, said the Internet is also a useful way to publish the information. She has a loyal following and receives numerous contributions of information.

She said the site would not be possible without the many people who volunteer their time to both research history and to retype old records for publication on the site. The number is constantly growing, she added.

"Last year, I wanted to send Christmas cards out to all of my volunteers," she said. "I thought it was about 20. When I got the list together, it was 70."

In addition to the site, Tice maintains a museum that is open by appointment in her barn, which she opened in 2003. It's open by appointment. Her collection includes everything from old tools, yearbooks, including old Carontowans, Mansfield's former yearbook, and household items to computers, a couple of cats and thousands of pictures. She hopes to build a special section in the museum dedicated to Mansfield University and all of its past identities (Classical Seminary, State Normal School, State Teachers College and State College).

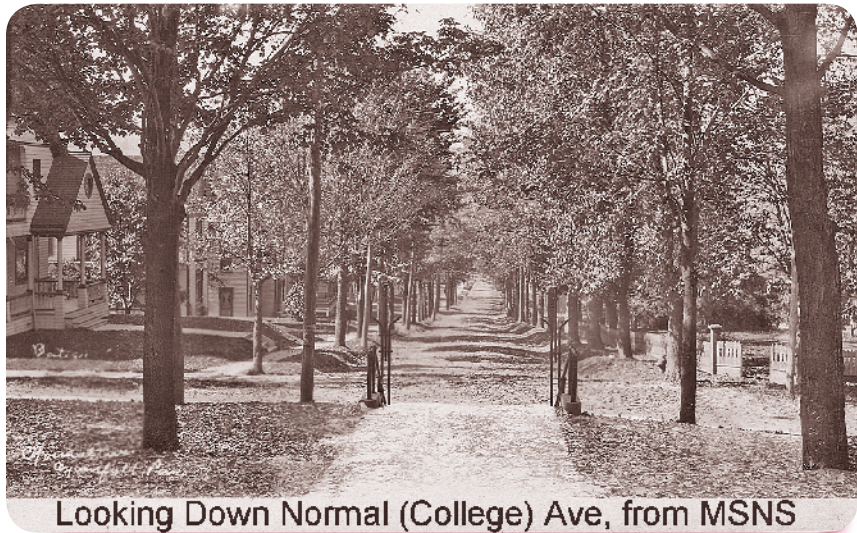
Tice graduated from Mansfield with a degree in English. She married Stan Schafranek in 1968. He passed away in 1990.

Following graduation from Mansfield, Tice taught in Binghamton, N.Y., for about two years. She also worked at the SUNY-Binghamton Public Library, and did some retail work.

She earned her MBA in finance from Cornell in 1982. Following that, Tice worked in accounting, financial analysis and systems development for Ethicon (Johnson & Johnson) and Nabisco in New Jersey. She also worked two years at Cornell University. Tice later started her own accounting systems consulting business.

When her parents moved to a nursing home, Tice returned to the family farm which has been in her family since 1917. She said it really hasn't been used as a working farm since her grandfather passed away in 1960. She thinks of it more as a country estate, but visitors to her site can see regular updates of her gardening and pets.

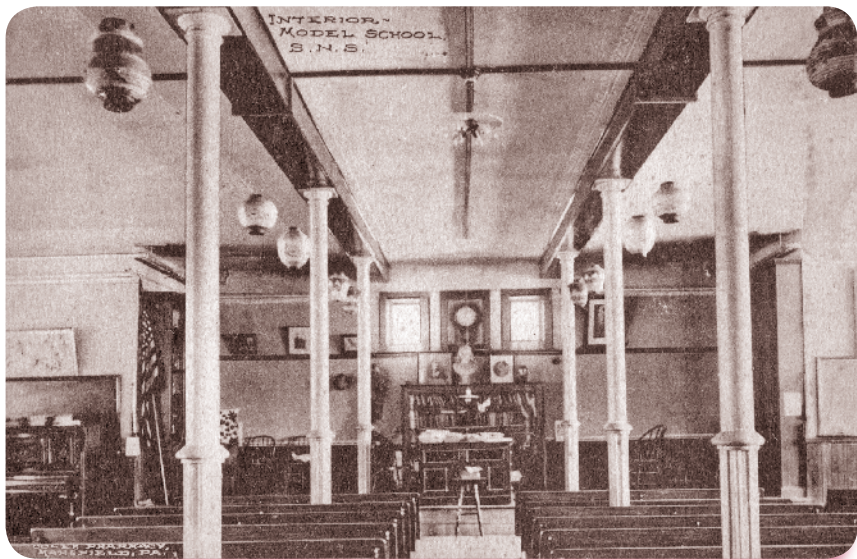
Tice spends many hours per day adding to the site. It is certainly time well spent as attested by her large "following." Her counter indicates that the homepage has recorded nearly 950,000 visitors since November, 1998.



She says that she does the work because she cannot not do it. "That's why I came back here," she said. "My work is here. It was not a commitment; it was a realization."

Some interesting articles under the Mansfield link on Tri-Counties Genealogy and History Site include:

- ♦ "The Future of Mansfield," a speech given by Dr. Arthur T. Belknap to the Business Man's Luncheon in 1935. Chester Bailey, local historian and former editor of the Mansfield Advertiser, wrote the introduction.
- ♦ "A History of Mansfield 1857-1957," written for the centennial by Dr. George Retan.
- ♦ Photos from Mansfield State Normal School, Mansfield State Teacher's College, Mansfield State College and Mansfield University. The collection includes the meeting rooms of literary societies, fraternities and sororities; the old dining hall in North Hall; the Model School (now Belknap Hall) in 1923; theatrical productions; the old arcade at North Hall; and a light-hearted card from a student writing home to ask for money (the card was sent in 1908).
- ♦ A feature on the 2006 Fabulous 1890s Weekend. Tice showed her hundreds of Mansfield pictures in the museum tent. It was quite a feat, considering all the rain that weekend.
- ♦ A history of Mansfield Classical Seminary, the institution's early years, by Chester Bailey.
- ♦ A section on former businesses in Mansfield.
- ♦ Photos of the 1957 Mansfield centennial, half a century ago.
- ♦ A section on sports in Mansfield and Richmond Township, including a piece on the first night football game.







# From Your Alumni Director

## New York City

On February 12, Mansfield University alumni and friends gathered for a reception at Dave & Buster's, Times Square, New York City. We had the opportunity to get acquainted with alumni from Bloomsburg, East Stroudsburg, Kutztown, Millersville, Shippensburg and Slippery Rock who live and/or work in the NYC area. Mansfield's President, Dr. Maravene Loeschke was on hand to help me provide a warm welcome to our sister schools and we all enjoyed an evening of good food and reminiscing. Thanks to the hospitality of ABC manager, Rob Weigand '95, Dr. Loeschke, Maureen McKenna, vice president for university advancement and I were treated to an interesting tour of ABC. A special thank you to Sean Fox '87 for providing President Loeschke a behind-the-scenes tour of Radio City Music Hall .



President Loeschke and Rob Weigand '95 behind the scenes at ABC studios in NYC.



New York City Alumni Gathering – Seated: Karen Smith '92, Nina Gentile Bryant '94, Jennifer McLaughlin Davis '96, Kara Grotzinger Sakulich '02. Standing: Denise Berg, Dick Gillespie, President Loeschke, Vincent Lawrence '63, Buddy Njere '05, Mark Wright '87, Tim Davis, VP Maureen McKenna and John Sakulich. In attendance, not pictured: Robert Weigand '95 and Diane Zurlo '91.

## Pittsburgh

Thanks to Dr. Vincent Lawrence '63, Mansfield alumni and friends will soon be gathering in the Pittsburgh area. On Thursday, April 26, Dr. Lawrence will be hosting a reception to honor MU's newest president, Dr. Maravene Loeschke and to introduce her and her husband, Dr. Richard Gillespie to MU alumni and friends in the Pittsburgh area. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Alumni Office.

## Alumni Directory Update

It will soon be easier to locate your Mansfield friends and plan a get-



As part of the State System travel program, MU alumni and friends enjoyed a cruise to the Mexican Riviera January 17-25, 2007. Front: Linda Miller, Robert Terry '56, Susan Terry, Sandra Rodgers Kokinda '69 and Adam Kokinda. Back: George Miller '69, Lew Lee '62 and Linda Dix Lee '61. For information on upcoming travel, see page 5.

together! The special Sesquicentennial edition of the directory is in the final stages of production and scheduled to be completed by June 2007. Thank you to every one who graciously provided Harris Connect with your most up-to-date contact and employment information.

As a reminder, you can update your contact information with the alumni office any time by completing the on-line form at [www.mansfield.edu](http://www.mansfield.edu), select Alumni and Friends, and Change of Information. We also encourage you to include your email address in the searchable on-line directory. We frequently receive positive feedback from alums that have been able to reconnect by locating their friends via the email directory.

## Alumni Weekend

And while many of us enjoy traveling and meeting regionally with fellow alumni, it is a special pleasure for me to welcome alums back to campus. I hope your summer travel plans will bring you to Mansfield for all the special festivities planned for 2007 Sesquicentennial Alumni Weekend scheduled for Thursday, June 7 through Sunday, June 10. We are planning a special celebration to honor all US Veterans that have an association with Mansfield on Saturday, June 9.

See page 8 for details and registration information.

## Class of 1957 Update

The class has set a goal to fund an endowed scholarship - commemorating their Golden Anniversary and signifying their ongoing commitment to Mansfield. As of mid-February the class has raised \$9273 towards their \$15,000 goal! We've also heard from many classmates indicating that they hope to attend the special celebration on campus.

Looking forward to seeing you in June!

*Denise*

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# A Sesquicentennial Celebration — Alumni Weekend June 7-10, 2007

Mark it on your calendar and plan to join us on campus for Alumni Weekend – **A Sesquicentennial Celebration**. Alumni Weekend is always a special time for alumni and friends to return to campus and this year is more special than ever as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary!

We extend a special Sesquicentennial welcome to those with class years ending in 7 and 2. Honored guests will include the **Class of 1957, Society of Honors inductees, retired faculty and veterans**. There’s a full schedule of activities planned, with plenty of opportunities for you to reconnect and renew acquaintances, rediscover your old haunts and to see what’s new and exciting here at Mansfield.

Don’t be disappointed – register early! We look forward to seeing you on campus in June.

*Denise*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Thursday, June 7

Arriving on Thursday? Plan to join us for an **Italian-themed evening** in the North Dining Room of Manser Hall. We’ll start the evening with hors d’oeuvres as we begin to reconnect and renew our friendships. The main buffet will feature a delicious array of Italian dishes and we’ll have time to share more memories over dessert. There will be Carontowans, Passwords and photos on hand, and we invite you to share your Mansfield stories and memorabilia as we are serenaded with the beautiful tableside violin music of Numa Snyder ’42.

### Friday, June 8

Join your friends for an excursion to the **Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania** located just a few miles west of Mansfield, near Wellsboro, PA. The amazing canyon, also known as the Pine Creek Gorge, is 1450 feet at its deepest point and nearly one mile wide. Your alumni guide for the day will be **Bonnie Lugg Kyofski ’62**. With her knowledge about the local area and her engaging personality, Bonnie will provide interesting and animated commentary throughout the day. Upon arrival at the Leonard Harrison State Park, you’ll be greeted by an environmental educator who will present a brief program about the wildlife and wildflowers found in the canyon. There will be ample time to enjoy the spectacular view from the scenic overlook, and the visitor’s center and snack area will be open for your convenience. Most of the area is handicap accessible. After departing the canyon, you’ll have time for some shopping and lunch (on you own) in historic Wellsboro before returning to campus mid-afternoon. Bring your camera and comfortable walking shoes. [www.visittiogapa.com](http://www.visittiogapa.com)

Our annual **Alumni Golf Tournament** will be held at the Corey Creek Golf Club with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. In addition to providing a competitive activity, the Alumni Golf Tournament plays an important part in raising dollars to fund athletic scholarships for Mansfield University students. Contact your friends and form a foursome or contact us and we’ll arrange a foursome. The entry fee covers all fees, most contests (duffers, skins and mulligans) and includes lunch. Additional contests may be available on game day. The “Kappa” challenge continues.... For more info contact Roger Maisner, director of athletics at [rmaisner@mansfield.edu](mailto:rmaisner@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4636 or Kris Decker, [kfalk@mansfield.edu](mailto:kfalk@mansfield.edu) 570-662-4466.

Spending Friday on campus? There will be student-hosted **tours of North Hall**, a **bus tour of campus** and you’ll want to save some time for shopping at the **Campus Bookstore** located in Alumni Hall.

**Lobsterfest!** The tradition continues... Join us for a delicious feast of lobster and London broil. Sit back, relax, and savor the delicious food and the wonderful company.

The annual Alumni **Sing-along** is another much-loved tradition. We’ll be gathering in the Student Center of Alumni Hall for songs and Mansfield trivia hosted by **MayBelle Golis ’49** and **Numa Snyder ’42**. If you are interested in helping and/or performing, please contact Dixie Sheridan at [dsherida@mansfield.edu](mailto:dsherida@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4296.

### Saturday, June 9

Following the **Class Meetings and Class Photos**, we’ll be honoring class years ending in 7 and 2 with special recognition for the **Class of 1957**, retired faculty and the newest members of the Alumni Society of Honors at Saturday’s Luncheon. Reunion classes will be seated together. Following lunch, there will be student-hosted tours of North Hall and guided bus tours of campus.

As part of our **Sesquicentennial Celebration**, we are honoring our **Veterans** – alumni, faculty, staff and students of Mansfield who have served or are currently serving our country. The dedication of a special memorial (north side of Memorial Hall) will be followed by a **USO Canteen-themed reception**. We’ll enjoy refreshments as we are entertained by **Pat Brown Davis ’61, Charlie Jacobson ’68, Juanita Jobst** and more! All military veterans are encouraged to attend and to wear something to indicate your service branch, special division, etc. See page 2 for additional information.

Be prepared to enjoy the **Fourth Annual Campus Place Tennis Ball Race** – a FUNdraising (spectator) event to benefit the **MU Women’s Soccer Team!** Contact Coach Tim Dempsey for more information [tdempsey@mansfield.edu](mailto:tdempsey@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4454.

## SCHEDULE

### Thursday, June 7

3 - 8 p.m.

**EARLY ARRIVAL REGISTRATION**, Laurel B Residence Hall  
Registration packet will include name badge, confirmation for all pre-paid meals & events, Bookstore discount coupon, listing of all registered attendees, campus map, any updates or changes to schedule.

6:30 - 10 p.m.

**ITALIAN-THEMED BUFFETS**, North Dining, Manser Hall.  
Reception and Hors d’oeuvres Buffet followed by a dinner buffet and a dessert buffet.  
We’ll supply the Carontowans, Passwords and photos - You supply the stories!

### Friday, June 8

7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**, Laurel Lounge.  
Residence Hall guests.

8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**REGISTRATION**, Laurel

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**NORTH HALL OPEN**. Hosted tours throughout the day.

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN**, Alumni Hall Student Center

8 a.m.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**, Corey Creek Golf Club  
Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**EXCURSION TO PENNSYLVANIA GRAND CANYON AND WELLSBORO, PA**. Bus will load and unload near Laurel.

11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

**JAZZMAN’S** open for lunch

3 - 4 p.m.

**GUIDED BUS TOUR OF CAMPUS**

5 p.m.

**PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR**, Location TBD

6:30 p.m.

**LOBSTER & LONDON BROIL FEST**,  
Main Dining Room, Manser Hall

8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

**ALUMNI MEMORIES**, Alumni Hall, Student Center Lounge  
Annual Alumni sing-along plus MU trivia. Bring along your own MU trivia questions and answers! Light refreshments.

### Saturday, June 9

7:30 - 9: 30 a.m.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**, Laurel Lounge.  
Residence Hall Guests

8 - 10 a.m.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN**, Alumni Hall Student Center

9:30 - 10 a.m.

**REGISTRATION AND CLASS RECEPTION**, North Hall  
Coffee and pastries

10 - 11:30 a.m.

**CLASS MEETINGS & CLASS PHOTOS**, North Hall  
Class of 1957 will meet in 307 Alumni Hall

Noon - 2:15 p.m.

**ALUMNI WEEKEND LUNCHEON**, North Dining, Manser Hall  
Honoring reunion classes, Society of Honors, and retired faculty

2:30 & 3:30 p.m.

**GUIDED BUS TOUR OF CAMPUS**

2:30 & 3:30 p.m.

**GUIDED TOUR OF NORTH HALL**

4:45 - 8 p.m.

**DEDICATION OF VETERAN’S MEMORIAL**, North side of Memorial Hall. Followed by USO Canteen-theme reception with refreshments in the Main Dining room of Manser Hall.

8 p.m.

**CAMPUS PLACE TENNIS BALL RACE**, adjacent to Student Mall

### Sunday, June 10

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**, Laurel Lounge.  
Residence Hall Guests

8 - 10 a.m.

**RESIDENCE HALL CHECKOUT**



2007 Registration

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Please list who will be arriving with you and their class year if Mansfield Alum: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please indicate if you require handicapped parking: ☐ Yes ☐ No



Events Please register for the events you will be attending:

Thursday, June 7  
6:30 p.m. Italian Buffet Dinner #\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$15 pp = \$\_\_\_\_\_  
  
Friday, June 8  
8 a.m. Golf Tournament, Corey Creek Golf Club.....#\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_  
Price includes lunch, most contests and all fees. \$100 pp/non-member \$85 pp/member  
8:45 a.m. Excursion to Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.....#\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$10 pp = \$\_\_\_\_\_  
Please note – you will be responsible for the cost of your lunch.  
5 p.m. Planned Giving Seminar .....#\_\_\_\_ of reservations, no charge = \$ NC  
6:30 p.m. Lobster, London Broil Fest  
Lobster, London Broil & Shrimp #\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$35 pp = \$\_\_\_\_\_  
or London Broil & Shrimp #\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$20 pp = \$\_\_\_\_\_  
  
Saturday, June 9  
9:30 a.m. Class Reception, meeting & photo.....#\_\_\_\_ attending, no charge = NC  
Noon Alumni Weekend Luncheon.....#\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$15 pp = \$\_\_\_\_\_  
This luncheon honors the Class of 1957, Society of Honors recipients, and retired faculty. There is no charge for these honorees or for Classes of 1952, 1947, 1942, 1937, 1932, and 1927.  
5 p.m. Reception honoring Veterans.....#\_\_\_\_ attending, no charge = NC

On-Campus Housing in Laurel Residence Hall

Room fee is \$40 per person (regardless of the number of nights) and includes light continental breakfast. Linen fee is \$10 per set and includes sheets, blanket, pillow and towel.  
Please note: Laurel is neither air-conditioned nor heated in June. You may want to bring: blanket and/or fan, wash cloth, additional towel(s), alarm clock, clothing hangers.  
☐ I/we will stay in Laurel and bring my own linens #\_\_\_\_ people x \$40 pp = \$\_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I/we will stay in Laurel and need linens #\_\_\_\_ people x \$50 pp = \$\_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

Arrival: I/we will be arriving at approximately \_\_\_\_\_(time) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
Departure: I/we will be departing at approximately \_\_\_\_\_(time) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

☐ Check enclosed payable to: MUF, Inc. – Alumni Weekend ☐ Please bill my credit card: ☐ MC ☐ VISA  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return with payment by June 1, 2007.  
Alumni Office  
525A North Hall  
Mansfield University  
Mansfield, PA 16933



When you arrive, please go directly to registration:  
Thursday & Friday – Laurel lobby  
Saturday – North Hall  
\*\*\* Emergency \*\*\*  
If someone must reach you during Alumni Weekend call Mansfield University Police (570) 662-4900.

Directions from Route 15:  
Take Route 6 Exit to Mansfield. Turn left and travel east on Route 6. Proceed straight through traffic light; proceed 2 blocks, turn right onto South Academy Street. Proceed one full block; turn left onto College Place. Laurel residence hall will be on the right. You can park (temporarily) along the curb while you register. You'll receive a campus map in your registration packet along with information regarding parking. (Manser Dining, Alumni Hall, North Hall and the president's home are to the left/north of College Place.)

Off-Campus Accommodations:

Make your reservations early! The Comfort Inn of Mansfield is offering a discounted rate for MU alumni on a first-come, first-served basis. You must identify yourself as a Mansfield Alum to receive the discount.

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## MANSFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

- 3/20-4/26 **Recent Paintings by Hope Zaccagni**, University Gallery
- 1 **Concert Choir**, First Congregational Church, Canandaigua, NY, 3 p.m.
- 10 **“Teacher Research in Beginning Teachers’ Classrooms,”** University Lecture Series, Alumni Hall, Room 307, 5 p.m.
- 14 **Festival Chorus**, Menselssohn’s Elijah, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 15 **Festival Chorus Concert**, Menselssohn’s Elijah, Corning (NY) Glass Museum, 3 p.m.
- 17 **Concert Choir**, Sayre Theatre, Sayre, PA, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 **Symphony Orchestra**, Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- 25 **Blue Vinyl**, University Lecture Series, Allen Hall, 5 p.m.
- 26-27 **Jazz Festival**, Steadman Theatre
- 28 **Symphonic Band**, Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- Concert Choir**, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 29 **Concert Wind Ensemble**, Steadman Theatre , 8 p.m.

### May

- 1 **Guitar Ensemble Concert**, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 12 **Commencement**, Van Norman Field, 11 a.m.
- 23 **Council of Trustees Meeting**, North Hall Community Room, 11 a.m.

### June

- 7-10 **Alumni Weekend**

### July

- 5-8/21 **Works by Mardi Whitehouse**, University Gallery
- 10 **Opening Reception & Gallery Talk**, University Gallery, 4 p.m.
- 25 **Council of Trustees Meeting**, North Hall Community Room, 7:30 p.m.

### August

- 27 **Fall Semester Begins**

### September

- 28-29 **Fabulous 1890s Weekend**

### October

- 5-7 **Homecoming**

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*"I am honored to take this part of the ride with you. Happy journey."*

*—Maravene Loeschke Inaugurated as President.*

Maravene Loeschke was inaugurated as the 26th president of Mansfield University on March 30, in a ceremony that filled Straughn Hall with music, song, poignant moments and frequent applause.

James L. Fisher, president emeritus of Towson University in Maryland, where Loeschke was a student and then served on the faculty for more than 30 years, was to be the guest speaker but he took ill shortly before the ceremony.

George Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College in New Jersey, delivered Fisher's address. "The new theme at Mansfield University focuses on leadership and in Maravene Loeschke you have its personification," he said.

Before investing Loeschke as president, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Chancellor Judy Hample told the audience that, "In her short time at Mansfield University, Dr. Loeschke has begun to establish a bold vision. One that seeks to continue to enhance the university's academic offerings, to expand its efforts in the community, to help strengthen the region economically and culturally and to enhance the university's image."

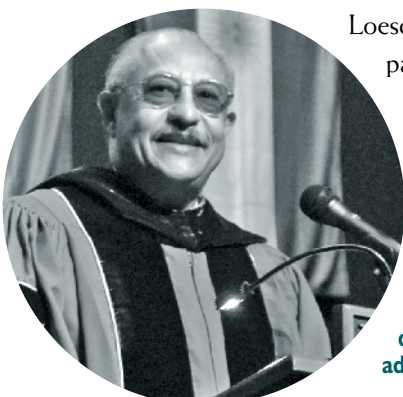
Kenneth Jarin, chair of the PASSHE Board of Governors, administered the oath of office. Before doing so he said, "Your Council of Trustees and our Board of Governors has chosen wisely. We on the Board of Governors, including your own representative Matt Baker, look forward to working with Dr. Loeschke in the coming years, as we make Mansfield University an even greater public university."

After being presented the presidential medallion from Trustees Chair Ralph Meyer and accepting the mace symbolic of her presidency from Joseph Murphy, chair of the Mansfield University Senate, Loeschke thanked the many people who have influenced her life and supported her on the journey that led her to Mansfield.

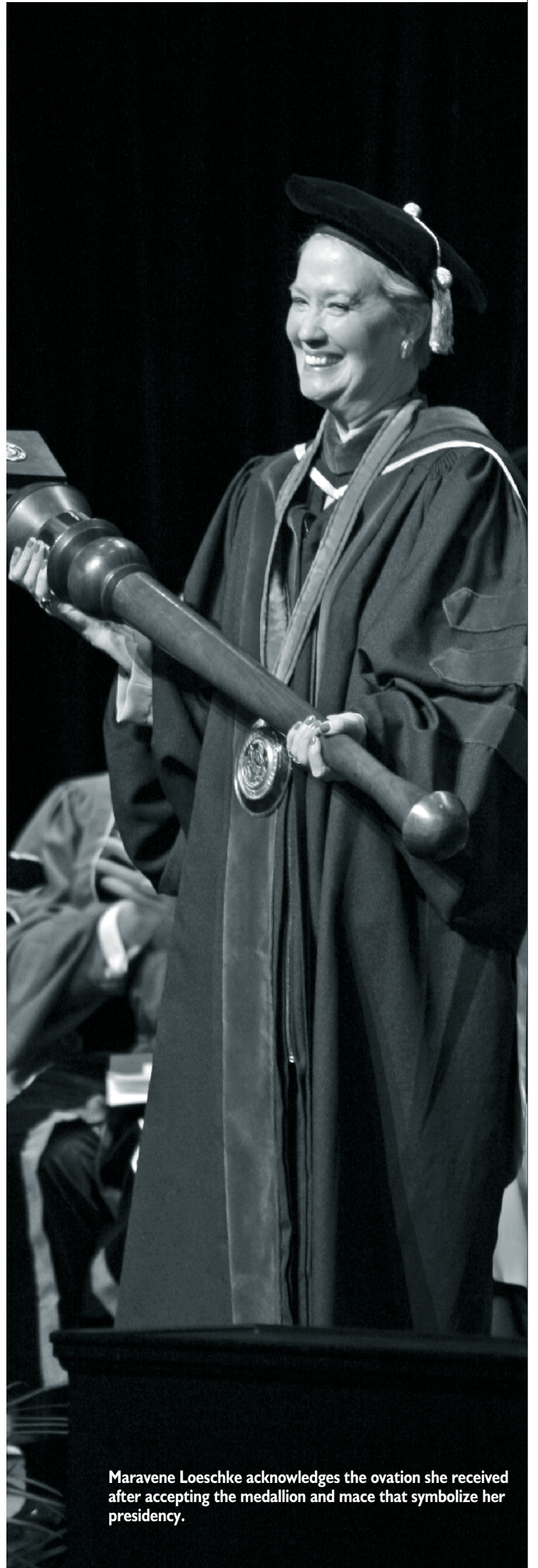
She focused much of her attention and remarks on the students, challenging them to take advantage of the opportunities a Mansfield education presents to them. "All I can say is be prepared for the unexpected opportunities life has in store for you," she said. "Ten or 20 years from now someone is going to win the Nobel Prize, someone is going to cure AIDS, someone is going to bring peace to the Middle East and someone is going to start new businesses in Tioga County. There is no reason that someone cannot be you."

The inauguration ceremony was the culmination of a week-long series of lectures, concerts and other events for students, faculty, staff and the community.

To read the text of President Loeschke's inaugural address go to page 12.



George Pruitt delivering the keynote address.



Maravene Loeschke acknowledges the ovation she received after accepting the medallion and mace that symbolize her presidency.





## FROM MY VIEW

### Why Rural Students Make Good Leaders

There is a perception in America that we have a leadership crisis. The title of Lee Iacocca's new book, for example, is *Where Have All The Leaders Gone?*

But Mr. Iacocca's title asks the wrong question. To get good leaders, we need to change how we think about leadership. It is not something someone else does. In fact, there is leadership potential in most people.

In particular, I have learned that there is exceptionally strong leadership potential in rural areas. Our students, many from small towns and farms, have taught me this lesson—one that I did not appreciate fully until I came here from an urban area.

Rural students arrive with many tools they will need to become tomorrow's leaders. They already have a strong work ethic. They come early and stay late. They know how to apply themselves to a task and carry it to completion. Generally, they have superior problem-solving skills and the initiative to work individually to get things done. They take responsibility for their actions. When they work in teams they understand the need to pull their weight for a collective goal.

These are attributes that employers seek and communities need. I've also noticed, however, that some of our students don't see themselves as "leadership material." A number lack self-confidence. Others need socialization skills, although we see less of that among students who have been in 4H or other team-building activities.

Those who live in rural areas—in Pennsylvania that's about three million people—don't need to be sold on the many benefits. Any clear-eyed analysis, however, also reveals that rural America faces challenges. Population stagnation, infrastructure building, job creation, and provision of health care and social services are issues requiring strong leadership.

The leadership potential is here. And Mansfield University is devoted to the development of tomorrow's leaders in our undergraduate and graduate programs to benefit students and the communities from which they come.

This fall we will create a Leadership Institute with three emphases. It will coordinate our leadership development educational efforts and will forge community and corporate partnerships. The Institute, through its Center for Leadership Study, also will offer opportunities for scholarship in a variety of settings.

At the graduate school level, we are developing a stand-alone master's degree in organizational leadership to be delivered mainly online. Leadership core courses will be supplemented by specific "track" courses in areas such as business, education, healthcare and the arts. We anticipate that many enrollees will be adults.

Our theme is "Developing Tomorrow's Leaders." The premise is the belief that leadership can be taught. Confucius and Plato knew it back in antiquity. Until about 60 years ago, however, only a few researchers paid attention to what makes an effective leader. Since then, serious scholarship has taken place and the verdict is unanimous: leaders are made, not born.

Rural Americans must look to their own sons and daughters for the leaders of the future. They will require formal training in the leadership arts. Effective leaders need a strong sense of citizenship and social responsibility. They will function in a world where power is fragmented and challenges to traditional political and civic leadership are many and complex.

Leaders are open to ideas, optimistic about solving problems, know how to pull people together around a worthy cause and how to get the best from them. Effective leaders can articulate a shared vision, build confidence in others and create a process that people believe in. These skills can be taught.

We are embedding leadership education in our students' courses of study. We will teach it in campus activities and residential life experiences. We will send students to leadership programs and to carefully selected internships and community involvement opportunities. We will create leadership scholarships for deserving students.

Commuter students, nearly half our number, are integral to these efforts—making our leadership program unusual if not unique in American higher education. We are scheduling far more campus activities during the day when commuter students can take advantage of them. And this fall we will dedicate one floor of a campus residence hall for use by commuter students between classes or if they need to stay on campus overnight.

Each spring, commencement speakers tell graduates, "You are the leaders of tomorrow." When our graduates hear that, we want them to be able to nod their heads in agreement and say, "That's right. I've prepared for this." When that happens, we will be sending back to rural Pennsylvania and New York the leaders they deserve.

Where have all the leaders gone? They are right here, Mr. Iacocca, in our rural communities.

Maravene Loeschke  
President

### Erickson Named Associate Provost

Deborah Erickson, professor and chair of Counseling and Human Development, and director of Academic Programs and Student Services at the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester, NY has been named associate provost for Graduate Studies and Education at Mansfield University.

"Dr. Erickson brings energy and a wealth of experience to both our graduate programs and teacher certification programs," MU Provost Michael Renner said in making the announcement. "She has considerable experience in developing graduate programs and overseeing accreditation processes. She will be helping us build our relationships with schools in the region, strengthening even further the education programs for which Mansfield is already so well known. I couldn't be happier that she has decided to join us."

"I am pleased to join the Mansfield University team at this exciting time of growth and development," Erickson said. "I look forward to working with everyone as we continue to facilitate a sense of integrity, a strong base of knowledge and a sensitivity to the needs of all people in tomorrow's leaders."

Erickson holds the Ed.D. degree from the University of Arkansas and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Sydney, Australia.

She was selected after a national search and began her duties at Mansfield on August 1.





# Fabulous 1890s Weekend to Celebrate 16<sup>th</sup> Year

The Fabulous 1890s Weekend, a fun-filled family event commemorating the playing of the world's first night football game in 1892, is scheduled for **Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29** in Mansfield's Smythe Park. Expected to be the largest yet, this year's Weekend will include several new entertainers and features.

For the first time, a carnival is included in the weekend. "It's something we've been wanting for years but were just never in the position to do it," Dennis Miller, Fabulous 1890s Weekend co-chair, said. The carnival, provided by Family Funtime Amusements features games for adults and children and 10 rides including a Ferris wheel, which was invented in the 1890s. "Since this is the sesquicentennial anniversary of both the borough and the university we thought it was a perfect time to add a carnival," said Fabulous 1890s Weekend Co-Chair David Cummings.

This year's event coincides with the [Mansfield Sesquicentennial Celebration](#). The Borough of Mansfield and Mansfield University is the only town and university that share the same founding year. The Sesquicentennial Celebration will be incorporated throughout the Fabulous 1890s Weekend including reservations that will be taken for the Sesquicentennial Gala October 13.

[Friday's 1890s schedule](#) includes an interdenominational tabernacle service and square dancing. Saturday's event kicks off with a Motorless Parade up Main Street in Mansfield at 11 a.m. The parade features local, university, and regional participants donning traditional 1890s garb. The parade, a tradition during the Fabulous 1890s Weekend, does not use anything with motors and includes horse pulled and people pulled vehicles and floats.

In addition to the carnival and parade, Fabulous 1890s Weekend has family friendly entertainment daily. This year's event includes music from [Terry Wild and His Wacky Five](#), [Magician Steve Hyde](#), [Clyde Peeling's Reptiland](#), and a [Patsy Cline tribute](#) by [Penny Eckman](#). Other events scheduled throughout the weekend include the [Third Annual 1890s Queen Competition](#), [hot air balloon rides](#), and much more. Guests can also learn about history while visiting the [1890s museum tent](#) which has artifacts and memorabilia showing the town and university's 150-year history, displays by Chester and Mary Bailey and family and a display by Genealogist Joyce Tice.

The 1890s Weekend serves as the host of the annual [1890s Duck Race](#) sponsored by the Mansfield Kiwanis Club. A 20- year old tradition, the Duck Race originally used numbered plastic ducks that were sold and dumped into the Tioga River and the winner was the duck that crossed the finish line first, however, due to inconsistencies of the Tioga River, the 1890s Duck Race now uses a child-sized swimming pool and the winner is decided in a raffle drawing. There are typically about 75 prizes drawn that are donated by local businesses. Funds raised from the Duck Race are used for community service projects. The Mansfield Kiwanis Club is a community service organization focusing on young children.

There will also be sporting events throughout the weekend. [Mansfield High School boys, girls, and junior high soccer teams](#) will provide exciting sports action as they compete in Smythe Park. The senior high boy's team plays Williamson on Friday at 7:30 p.m., the girl's team plays Wyalusing on Friday at 6 p.m. and the junior high team plays Williamson on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

The weekend culminates Saturday evening with the [recreation of the world's first night football game](#) played in 1892 between Mansfield Classical Seminary and Wyoming Seminary. The game ended in a 0-0 tie at the end of the first half after officials deemed the game "too dangerous to continue." Wyoming Seminary issued a rematch challenge after Mansfield claimed to have won the game. In 1992, 100 years after the original game, that challenge was accepted. A football club was formed by students at Mansfield University and exactly 100 years to the date and time of the original game,



the rematch took place complete with a historical recreation of the original game at halftime. This 100 year anniversary celebration was the first Fabulous 1890s Weekend.

The recreation tradition continues on Saturday, September 29 after the soccer game and queen coronation. "This year is more important than ever to honor the past especially with the sesquicentennial celebration. The game is a significant event in the town and university's shared history," Miller said. "It is also a significant event in the history of sports and American culture."

The recreation features members from the university and community donning 1890s football gear. The uniforms used were actually worn in a General Electric commercial about the first night game that aired for several years. The recreation is often comical and entertaining while still remaining historically accurate by using rules from 1890s football. Following the game, there will be a fireworks display set to music to end the weekend.

Admission to the Fabulous 1890s Weekend is \$3 for the entire weekend. For more information visit the Fabulous 1890s website, [www.1890sweekend.com](http://www.1890sweekend.com) or contact Dennis Miller at [dmiller@mansfield.edu](mailto:dmiller@mansfield.edu) or by phone at (570) 662-4846.

## Catherine Renner Named Assistant VP

Catherine Renner, director of institutional research for the State University of New York at Geneseo, NY, has been named assistant vice president for research and planning at Mansfield University.



"Dr. Renner will bring to Mansfield an outstanding set of credentials in program review, assessment, planning and institutional research," MU President Maravene Loeschke said in making the announcement. "She will report directly to me, and I am looking forward to the support she can provide as we move into a strategic planning process for Mansfield this fall."

Prior to her position at Geneseo, Renner was visiting associate professor of psychology at Hobart and William Smith College, NY. Before that she spent nine years as associate professor of psychology, institutional research fellow and assessment coordinator at West Chester University, PA.

Renner holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Nazareth College, NY, and her master's degree and Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Ohio University.

She was selected after a national search.



# GED Graduation Ceremony Celebrates Lifelong Learners



Twenty-four graduates received their GED diplomas on June 23.

Mansfield University held a GED graduation ceremony on June 23 in Straughn Hall. At the ceremony, 24 graduates walked to receive their diploma and over 130 friends and family members were in attendance. All the graduates were notable, but there were several family connections. Cyndi Compton ('95), who is the Director of the program, noted that her brother, Michael Krotzer, was one of the graduates. A granddaughter, Jaime Kuss, and her grandmother, Judy Amaral, took courses together and both graduated at the same time.

The General Educational Development (GED) certificate, sometimes termed the General Equivalency Diploma, is the equivalent of a high school diploma. Students who are home-schooled obtain their certificate or diploma by passing the GED exams. Mansfield University began offering Adult Basic Education and GED programs in 1985. Over 1000 people have received

their GED through Mansfield University. This year Mansfield University's program had 60 graduates. The main goal of the GED programs is to help people further their education and advance their knowledge to ultimately obtain better employment.

Francis Jaquish (B.S.E. '88, M.S. '98), principal of Liberty High School, was the keynote speaker. He described his educational background, dropping out of high school to work at 17, serving in the Marine Corps for 5 years, and working in multiple capacities, until his wife, Susan Zeigler Jaquish (B.A. '80) and others encouraged him to obtain his GED and go to college. He did and went on to receive his bachelor's degree and master's degree from Mansfield University, and then his school principal's certification. He is currently working on his doctorate. He told the graduates that he knows exactly how hard they had to work and how much support they must have had to achieve the certificate.

Compton noted, "Each year the number of graduates and overall attendance has been increasing at the graduation event. It's important for the graduates and their friends and families that they are recognized fully for their accomplishments and hard work. It gives the students and their supporters a chance to really celebrate."

Funding and support for the programs is provided by the PA Department of Education, Mansfield University, WALMART Community Program, donations from many book publishers, and volunteers.

## Mansfield University in the National News

**MU faculty and administrators are frequently in the national news, often contributing to the public dialogue on important issues. MU's programs and practices make news also. Here are examples:**

"Testing shows some of the best and brightest young Americans are those who have lived in rural areas. As **Dr. Maravene S. Loeschke**, president of Mansfield University, responded to Lee Iacocca's new book and challenge, *Where have all the leaders gone?* Rural students arrive with many tools they will need to become tomorrow's leaders. They already have a strong work ethic. They come early and stay late. They know how to apply themselves to a task and carry it to completion. Generally, they have superior problem-solving skills and the initiative to work individually to get things done. They take responsibility for their actions. When they work in teams, they understand the need to pull their weight for a collective goal." – Actor Chuck Norris in his June 25, 2007 blog about rural America.

"It is very difficult to try to anticipate these types of shootings, given the availability of guns, ammunition and automatic firearms," says **Dr. Scott Thornsley**, associate professor of criminal justice at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pennsylvania." – June 2007 issues, *Law Enforcement Technology Magazine*, article titled "The Mind of a Shooter."

"Check in with **Dennis Miller**, a communications professional at Mansfield University on his blog at [www.higheredmarketingblog.wordpress.com](http://www.higheredmarketingblog.wordpress.com)."

com." – May/June, 2007 issue of *CASE Currents*, the magazine of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

"Some advocates believe video resumes may make sense in certain fields like broadcasting, marketing and theater — the ones where job seekers are already asked to send in portfolios of past work. Unlike a portfolio, though, a video resume merely shows how one performs in front of a camera. "A resume is really a marketing piece but not necessarily showing the scope of your work," said **Julia Overton-Healy**, director of Mansfield University's career center." — The Associated Press, May 1, 2007.

"A 2006 survey by Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, in the central part of the state, found that for every 500 adult gamblers in the state, there are 21.5 people at-risk of dangerous betting and 2.5 pathological gamblers. For African-Americans, the figures are more than five times higher. In general, the research shows that teenagers, males and disadvantaged members of society are more likely to develop gambling problems, Mansfield **Professor Timothy J. Madigan** wrote in a guest editorial for the *Allentown Morning Call*." – Princeton University's Policy Research Institute, Winter 2007, article titled "Is Gambling a Budget Panacea?"



Maravene Loeschke   Julia Overton-Healy   Tim Madigan   Dennis Miller   Scott Thornsley



# Spring Commencement Celebrated

Four hundred and forty five students received degrees at Mansfield University's 142nd Commencement on May 12 at Karl Van Norman Field.

Before presenting the graduates with their diplomas, MU President Maravene Loeschke led the assembly in a moment of silence in memory of the 32 members of the Virginia Tech community who were killed last month. She also acknowledged all those who helped the graduates get to this day, leading the students in an ovation.

Loeschke told the Class of 2007 that this day was not an ending, but rather a beginning. "As exciting as it is to get this degree today, it is just another step in your educational journey," she said. "Whether you pursue further courses and degrees or whether you choose to self-educate with your intellectual curiosity, this milestone is the beginning of a life-long learning journey. It has to be or success will escape you."



President Maravene Loeschke congratulates Sarah Best on being named winner of the Outstanding Senior Award.

Loeschke added, "This month particularly – in light of the tragic events of Virginia Tech, I ask that you doubly commit to a productive future – once for you and once in dedication to all of those lost at Virginia Tech who have been denied the opportunity to serve the future."

Award-winning author, researcher and sociology professor James Loewen was the guest speaker. The author of several bestsellers, including *Lies Across America* and *Lies My Teacher Told Me*, Loewen, who specializes in race relations, recounted several examples of how history that has been distorted and has been mistaught through the years.

"I challenge you to stay in the front," Loewen said to the graduates. "Don't hang back, waiting to be educated. Educate yourselves. You have to keep on learning and you have to keep on unlearning."

We old folks have really made such a mess of the world that you barely have time to fix it if you start really fast," Loewen added. "So go forth and fix it."

Sarah Best of Henrietta, NY was named this year's Outstanding Senior. Best earned a 3.99 GPA while completing her Bachelor of Music (BM) in music performance degree. She completed work on a BM in Business/Technology degree with a summer internship with the Metropolitan Opera of New York.

Best received the Language Department Award for German and was a semi-finalist in the National Association of Teachers of Singing Student auditions. She has received several scholarships and awards and was a winner in the MU Concerto Competition in 2006.

## MU and Nipissing University Extend Exchange Program

Mansfield University and Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario have signed an agreement to continue their exchange program, which is now in its sixth year.

The agreement allows students from the two universities to spend one semester or a full academic year studying at the other institution. The two schools will also continue to exchange faculty.

Robert Timko, director of Canadian Studies at MU, says officials at Mansfield and Nipissing are also looking for ways to expand the relationship. "Health sciences and education are good fits," Timko said. "And fisheries would seem to be a natural."

Timko helped develop one innovative new exchange that is already in place. Associate Professor Scott Thornsley teaches a criminal justice class about serial murder on the Mansfield campus that is videoconferenced live to a classroom at Nipissing.

Timko also believes students who participate in the exchange may benefit in the job market in the future. "Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), students who understand and can work in different cultures will be at a real advantage," he said.

"The real benefit to the students is that they learn about a different culture and become independent and more comfortable in that new culture," Timko added. "Both schools are very cooperative. It's a very friendly relationship."

"We're very pleased that we were able to extend the agreement with Nipissing University," Provost Michael Renner said. "When our students graduate from Mansfield University, they will enter a fully globalized economy. The Nipissing exchange agreement is one of the many programs to globalize our campus, preparing our students to navigate that new world and succeed in it."



MU President Maravene Loeschke signs the new exchange agreement as (L-R) Karen Strang, Nipissing International Services and Programs administrator, Robert Timko, director of Canadian Studies at MU, and Provost Micheal Renner look on.

To learn more about the Nipissing exchange and other international exchange programs available at Mansfield, check online at [www.mansfield.edu/~international/](http://www.mansfield.edu/~international/)

To learn more about Nipissing University, check online at [www.nipissingu.ca/](http://www.nipissingu.ca/)



# New Veterans Memorial Dedicated

As part of the Alumni Weekend celebration and the celebration of the university and Borough of Mansfield's sesquicentennial, a new memorial to all armed forces veterans who have been associated with MU was dedicated on June 9.

"We're here because we respect those who committed to being part of something larger than themselves by joining the military," State Representative Matthew Baker told the gathering.

Colonel Robert Koernig, Ret., who served 35 years in the military, eight in the Marine Corps and then 27 in the Air Force, and who was an instructor at Mansfield for four years after his retirement, talked about the flag and the lack of respect it is shown at times. "The colors that represent all those things that we hold so dear," he said. "Freedom, liberty, hope, promise, justice, fulfillment. If only we could turn back the clock when patriotism was a virtue and not a dirty or suspect perception. I think perhaps we can." Koernig's son Bill, also an Air Force veteran, is director of buildings and grounds at Mansfield.

Sergeant David Van Loon, who was one of 18 MU students and staff deployed to Iraq in 2004-05 with the Army National Guard, told the gathering, "I'd like to thank you all for coming out and showing your support. Speaking on behalf of all my fellow National Guardsmen, we really do appreciate all your support."

Van Loon was injured in Iraq. He has recovered, remains in the service and has continued his studies at MU.

Speaking on behalf of the MU Alumni Association, Vice President John "Jiggs" McHale '58, said, "Without you women and men of the military this would not be happening. I thank you. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

"It is one of the greatest honors of my career to accept this memorial on behalf of the university," MU President Maravene Loeschke said. "My father and all eight of my uncles served in World War II, my husband served in Korea and one quarter of my graduating class served in Vietnam. Because



(L-R) State Representative Matt Baker, Ed Lawton '48, MU President Maravene Loeschke, John "Jiggs" McHale '58, Sergeant David Van Loon, MU Director of Buildings and Grounds Bill Koernig, Colonel Robert Koernig, Ret. and MU Director of Alumni Relations Denise Berg dedicate the new veterans memorial.

of all of you we can continue to have a safe world, where we can raise our families to be good people, who will continue to make the world a safe place to be."

Loeschke credits Ed Lawton '48 for proposing the new memorial, which sits near a memorial to World War I veterans at the north end of Memorial Hall. "The history of this university has included so many men and women who have served so admirably for 150 years," she said.

Patriotic music for the dedication was performed by the Mansfield High School Band, conducted by Will Schlosser '04, and Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 401 provided the honor guard.

Representative Matt Baker presented certificates and medals to the veterans.

After the ceremony, a picnic with a patriotic theme was held. Pat Brown Davis '61, along with Charlie Jacobson '68 and Ann Bradley Serva '60, provided the entertainment.

Steve Orner '81 gathered information and pictures on MU veterans and created displays, which were available for viewing throughout the weekend.

*Editors Note:* The MU community was saddened by the news of Colonel Robert Koernig, Ret. passing on July 7 at the Williamsport Hospital. He would have celebrated his 84th birthday on July 8.



## Daniel Beaty to Perform on September 18

The Frederick Douglass Institute (FDI) at Mansfield University will present Daniel Beaty and his one-man play *Emergence-See!* on Tuesday, September 18, at 7 p.m. in Straughn Hall. The performance is free and open to the public.

In the play a slave ship rises out of the Hudson River in front of the Statue of Liberty, sending the nation into a whirlwind of emotion and exploration in this explosive solo tour de force featuring slam poetry, multi-character transformation, and song.

The provocative performance explores many questions such as Beaty portrays a cast of 40 characters including a homeless man, a scientist, a republican business executive, a street vendor and an 11-year old boy from the projects who all respond to the phenomenon.

A slam poet named Rodney is scheduled to perform in a poetry slam that evening, but is delayed by having to retrieve his schizophrenic father from the site of the ship's rising. While Rodney and his brother go to see about their dad, the audience is treated to the poetry slam already in progress.

Through the characters individual responses to the ship and their varied testimonies on identity and personal freedom, *Emergence-See!* weaves a stirring commentary on modern black life.

The New York Times calls *Emergence-See!* "a dazzling 90 minutes, full of memorable moments, intense, hilarious."

An actor, singer, writer, and composer, Beaty has worked throughout the US, Europe, and Africa in a variety of styles ranging from television to solo concerts to theatrical productions to opera including performance at The White House, The Kennedy Center in tribute to Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, and The Apollo.

His long list of awards includes the 2007 Obie Award for Outstanding Writing and Performance, 2006 Ovation, Acclaim, & Everyday Freedom Hero Awards. Daniel is also the 2004 Grand Slam Champion at the Nuyorican Poet's Café and The Fox Networks National Redemption Slam Champion.

The FDI at MU is an interdisciplinary collaborative between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs dedicated to following the intellectual heritage and principles of Frederick Douglass and other distinguished individuals from all backgrounds.

The Institute promotes programs that will enhance the learning experience and help students develop an understanding and appreciation of human dignity and diversity.

For further information about the FDI, check online at [www.mansfield.edu/FDI/](http://www.mansfield.edu/FDI/).



# Awards and Honors

The first-ever Provost's Awards for "Outstanding Teaching in the First Year" and "Excellence in Academic Advising" were presented at the 28th Annual Mansfield University Service Recognition Program on May 1.

The "Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching in the First Year," developed and administered in conjunction with the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, is designed to recognize faculty members who make a difference in the first year experience of our students.

**John Ulrich**, chair of the English and Modern Languages Department, was named the winner by a selection committee, after a campus-wide nomination process.

**Bruce Carpenter**, Business and Economics, and **Adrianne McEvoy**, Philosophy, were also nominated.

"The student nomination and the materials presented by Dr. Ulrich make clear that he is an extraordinary teacher and mentor to our first year students," Provost Michael Renner said in making the announcement.

The "Provost's Award for Excellence in Academic Advising," developed and administered in conjunction with the Advising Resource Group, is designed to recognize faculty for exemplary academic advising.

**Andrew Gaskiewicz**, associate professor of History and Political Science, and **Robert Maris**, professor of Biology, were named the co-winners.

**Fanny Arango-Keeth** and **Flor Blanco**, English and Modern Languages, **Scott Davis**, Chemistry and Physics, **Cindy Keller**, School Libraries and Information Technology, and **Nicole Wilson**, Academic and Human Development, were also nominated.

"The nomination statements from students and materials submitted by the awardees themselves make clear that these colleagues do outstanding work in guiding our students," Renner said of Gaskiewicz and Maris.

"I'm very excited about these awards," he added. "There is so much wonderful work going on here, where faculty make a big difference in the lives of MU students. It's high time we brought more public recognition to some of the faculty who are doing this good work."

Twenty MU faculty were honored as 2006-07 outstanding senior mentors at a reception on April 18.

They were recognized by MU's 2006-07 outstanding senior nominees for being a positive influence on them with insights, advice and inspiration and have mentored them as a student and future professional.

The honorees and the students who nominated them are: Michael Chester, Chemistry & Physics, nominated by Christopher Cummings; Janet Fuller, Education, Special Education & Art Education, nominated by Joanna Fuller; Bob Geroux, Education, Special Education & Art Education, nominated by Rachel Hall and Amanda Peloke; Abe Ghods, Business & Economics, nominated by Andrew Smith; Karen Guenther, History, Political Science & Art History, nominated by Michael Malek; James Guignard, English & Modern Languages, nominated by Caitlin Tierney; Hobart King, Geography & Geology, nominated by Christy Pratt; Margaret Launius, Psychology, nominated by Jilliane Bolt; John Mansfield, Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work, nominated by Jessica Byers; Dan Mason, Communication & Theatre, nominated by Erica Hudock; Michele Moore, Education, Special Education & Art Education, nominated by Katie Gates; Dennis Murray, Psychology, nominated by Michelle Shaffer; Monique Oyallon, English & Modern Languages, nominated by Pam Kline; Mark Robarge, Criminal Justice Administration, nominated by Joseph Centofranchi; Deb Rotella, Academic & Human Development, nominated by Jessica Wieder; Steven Stein, Chemistry & Physics, nominated by Ben Israel; Jean-Anne Teal, music, nominated by Sarah Best; Suzanne Urban, Health Sciences & Physical Activities, nominated by Kristen Dean; Michael Vayansky, Chemistry & Physics, nominated by Zach Detweiler; Kathy Wright, Health Sciences & Physical Activities, nominated by Nicole Dann.

The event was sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and the Office of the Provost.



(L-R) Provost's Award winners Andrew Gaskiewicz, Robert Maris and John Ulrich with Provost Michael Renner.

Eleven members of the MU campus community were honored as outstanding mentors to female students at the annual President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) Mentor Celebration on April 3.

PCSW invited students to nominate someone who has had a significant impact on their lives and who has helped them to become a stronger woman. The event presented the opportunity to celebrate the efforts of those who make exceptional efforts to reach out to students in ways that are many times life changing.

Each student read their nominating letter and presented their mentor with a certificate of appreciation. The honorees and the students who nominated them are:

Fanny Arango-Keeth, recognized by Tasha Buffington; Flor Blanco, recognized by Brittany McClain; Russell Dodson, recognized by Sandra Pardoe; James Guignard, recognized by Jamie Sweitzer; Dominique Majette-Kidd, recognized by I'Janaya Young; Dan Mason, recognized by Erica Hudock; Dennis Murray, recognized by Corey Tarreto; Margaret Launius, recognized by Jilliane Bolt; Louise Sullivan-Blum, recognized by Jacklyn DeBlon; Nancy Sidell, recognized by Jessica Byers and Audrey Nichols; Jean-Anne Teal-Greenshields, recognized by Kellie Barbato.

PCSW was established in 1990 to help educate the campus community in the area of women's issues, advocate on behalf of women and to keep the President advised of women's issues related to Mansfield University.

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# Mansfield “Adopts” a School

Encouraging students to plan for college while still in high school is important, especially when the students come from high schools where there are a large number of potential first-generation college students. Students and parents need to be educated about the benefits of higher education and the logistics of planning for college.

In 2006, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) developed a pilot program, *Adopt-a-School*, to enhance access to higher education for the public school students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mansfield University was approached to partner with Towanda High School for the pilot year in which twelve such partnerships were created in Pennsylvania. An Educational Partnership has been formed where Mansfield University has “adopted” Towanda High School and is providing programs and services pertaining to post-secondary educational opportunities.

Chris Vaughn, director of Admissions-Financial Planning for Mansfield University is leading this process along with the guidance counselors at Towanda High School. They are working together to increase the interest in higher education among the eighth grade and eleventh grade students by holding an assembly at Towanda High School pertaining to financial aid opportunities to inform both parents and students that financial aid is available. Mansfield University students have also been dedicated to mentoring these eighth and eleventh graders via tutoring at the high school two-three times a week. The program allowed for the eighth graders to visit



MU “adopted” Towanda High School in the PHEAA pilot program.

the university on March 27 and the eleventh graders did the same on May 3. Both groups had a tour of the university and had the opportunity to interact with President Loeschke, faculty, athletes, and the program leaders.

Other campus programs are planned for fall. Chris Vaughn notes, “We would like to have the students come to campus to participate in sports and artistic events to get more experience being on a college campus and add programs that will assist them academically such as offering SAT preparation courses.” He believes the student’s reactions to the program have been quite positive so far.

The expectation PHEAA has for this program is that it will increase the rate of students attending post-secondary education at the targeted schools. PHEAA will continue to offer grant funds to the universities and schools that are participating. The plan is for the program to be administered several years to be able to see the impact of the program. If the program is successful, Mansfield University will have the opportunity to “adopt” additional area schools in the future.

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# Seeing Stars, and Much More

For the first time since it opened in 1971, the Mansfield University Planetarium in Grant Science Center has undergone significant renovations.

New seating, carpeting and a fresh coat of paint quickly get people’s attention when they walk in. But when the lights go down the biggest improvement is quickly evident. The state-of-the-art SciDome digital projection system, new computers and the Starry Night software they use, gives Associate Professor Mike Vayansky the freedom to roam the universe and put on a spectacular show for his astronomy classes and anyone else who wants to take advantage of the “new and improved” facility.

“This is the computer age, the animation age, and this is what people expect to see,” Vayansky said after giving a demonstration to MU faculty and staff and their families. “I can show you the sky on any date that you want, forward or backward, A.D. or B.C. I can take you to the various moons and planets, different galaxies, show meteors. Anything you want to do in astronomy I can do.”

When not being used for classes, the Planetarium is available for school field trips and presentations to civic and community groups. Vayansky, who has served on the MU faculty since 1966 and has overseen the planetarium for the last 20 years, tested the new system on two classes and with presentations to several school groups this spring.



Associate Professor Mike Vayansky gives a demonstration of the MU Planetarium to a group of faculty, staff and their families.

“Between classes and presentations you get to meet a lot of people and teach and have an influence on a lot of people,” Vayansky said. “This (the new equipment) gives you a whole new set of options. You’re only limited by the operator’s knowledge.”

And Vayansky plans on spending time this summer expanding his knowledge and learning more about the new capabilities of the Planetarium so he can continue to share them with others.

For more information, or to schedule a visit to the Planetarium, call (570)662-4752 or email [mvayansk@mansfield.edu](mailto:mvayansk@mansfield.edu)



# Employees Honored for Service and Dedication

The 28th Annual Mansfield University Service Recognition Program was held on May 1. Employees who have served MU for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years were honored. Faculty were recognized by academic year. People who have retired or will be retiring through summer 2007 were also recognized.

The following individuals were honored:

**Ten years:** Laurie Buck, Paul Delosa, Mark Hitsman, John Leete, Monica Miller, John Mott, Brian Oakes, Christine Shegan, Katherine Starks, Norma Stiner, Martha Whitehouse, Gregori Zagowski.

**Fifteen years:** John Boselli, Lori Cass, Colleen Devine, Edgard Domenech, Charles Flaherty, Barry Ganong, Kevin Jackson, Mary Jo Jones, Gayle Kreitzer, Andrew Longoria, Annette Mase, Debra Padgett, Alan Seymour, John Sternick

**Twenty Years:** Bruce Carpenter, Harry Hillson, Sheran Lawton, Clarence Lienhard, Barbara Morgan, Joseph Murphy.

**Thirty years:** James Cobb, David Flesch, Stanley Heinrich, Stephen McEuen.

**Thirty-five years:** Lynn Stroud.

**Forty Years:** Charles Seidel.

**Employees who have retired or officially announced they will retire:**

LesErik Achey, Toni Bixby, Joyce Colegrove, Donald Grabowski, Elizabeth Grovenstein, Joan Jackson, Joan Sargent, Christine Swanson, Robert Schuerman, Robert Wooley, William Yacovissi.

Also at the recognition event, **Bill Koernig**, custodial and grounds manager, was named **Employee of the Year**.

The Employee Recognition Committee selected Koernig after a campus-wide nomination process. Bonnie Brooks, Craig Cleland, Eva Green and Joan Sargent were also nominated.

Among the comments made on the nominations Koernig received were, "He exemplifies the Mansfield Creed. He utilizes his managerial skills to provide employees and students with a comprehensive and efficient work product. He is helpful to students, staff and faculty. His cheerful manner allows him to be approached by all. In many cases his knowledge and history of the campus enables him to manage his work

force effectively. He is quick to say 'thank you' and 'great job.' Bill Koernig is very committed to the success of Mansfield University and takes great pride in the contributions that are made by his department."

The Communication and Theatre Department received the Spotlight Award, which is given annually to a department that exemplifies the four facets of the Mansfield Creed: Character, Scholarship, Culture and Service. The winner was decided after a campus-wide nomination process.

Among the comments made in the nominations were, "Character: Students learn about issues of academic integrity, rhetorical sensitivity – using words that are least likely to offend others – and ethical standards. Discussion revolves around students' ethical choices and their responsibility to the society they serve in public relations, broadcasting and journalism.

Scholarship: The faculty members have published books, journal articles, national conference presentations, and have been interviewed for nationally syndicated newspaper columns, and National Public Radio. The department's focus on scholarship extends to the students who are required to complete a formal portfolio that includes writing samples, audio/video productions published articles, and resumes – all presented in a professional format.

Culture: The department celebrates humanity. Many of their courses specifically deal with other cultures including Cross-Cultural Communication and Interpersonal Communication. Other courses such as International Broadcasting, Gender Communication, Nonverbal Communication, Gay and Lesbian Film Studies, and History of Ethnic Film deal with many issues of diversity.

Service: Several of the department's classes have a service component that involves working with local non-profit agencies, delivering items to the needy, or working with campus organizations. The department also serves a number of organizations on campus: advising WNTV, The Flashlight, TV Club, and the Student Government Association."

Members of the department are Sharon Carrish, Holly Pieper, Charles Hoy, Gary McIntyre, James Lohrey, Sue Young, Bia Bernum, Andrew Longoria, Dan Mason, Michael Crum, Lee Wright, Eva Green and Mark Polonia.



Trustee Howard Smith presents the Employee of the Year Award to Bill Koernig.



Members of the Communication & Theatre Department accept the Spotlight Award. (L-R)Mark Polonia, Eva Green, Bia Bernum, Lee Wright, Sue Young, Charles Hoy and Andrew Longoria.

For all the latest news, scores and schedule information,  
check online at [www.GoMounties.com](http://www.GoMounties.com)





# Homecoming 2007

## Schedule of Events

Friday October 5

- 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.
 

**Kelchner Fitness Center open.**  
 Usage is free to Mansfield University Alumni during Homecoming Weekend. Call 570-662-4234 for racquetball reservations. Visit the Fitness Center website [www.mansfield.edu/~fitness/](http://www.mansfield.edu/~fitness/).
- 7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 

**North Hall Library open.**
- 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 

**Campus Bookstore open,** Alumni Hall Student Center.  
 MU alumni receive a 20% discount on clothing and MU logo items!
- 8 a.m.
 

**Homecoming Golf Tournament,** Corey Creek Golf Club.  
 Shotgun start at 8:45 a.m. Proceeds benefit MU Athletic Scholarships \$100 nonmember/\$85 member of Corey Creek Golf Club – includes all fees, lunch and beverages. Lots of contests and great prizes! Contact your friends and form a foursome or contact us and we'll arrange a foursome. If you or your company is interested in becoming a sponsor or donating a prize contact Roger Maisner, Director of Athletics at 570-662-4636 [rmaisner@mansfield.edu](mailto:rmaisner@mansfield.edu) or Kris Decker [kfalk@mansfield.edu](mailto:kfalk@mansfield.edu) 570-662-4466.
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
 

**Hall of Fame reception,** lobby of Decker Gymnasium.  
 Shuttle service to Manser provided.
- 6 p.m.
 

**Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony,**  
 North Dining, Manser. Reservations required. Cost is \$20 per person. 2007 inductees: Tony Budzik '92, Basketball; Ed Merritt '55, Baseball, Basketball; Joseph Russell '65, Basketball; Michael Stewart '85, Baseball.
- 9 p.m.
 

**Homecoming Queen and King Coronation**  
 Decker Gymnasium. Join *The Spirit and The Pride of Pennsylvania!* Marching Band, cheerleaders, dance squad and the Homecoming candidates.

Saturday October 6

- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 

**Campus Bookstore open,** Alumni Hall Student Center.  
 MU alumni receive a 20% discount on clothing and MU logo items!
- 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
 

**Kelchner Fitness Center open.**
- 10 a.m.
 

**Homecoming Parade,** Main Street
- 10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 

**Alumni Tent Party,** Memorial Hall lawn, South Academy Street.  
 Free MU logo item to first 300 MU Alumni! Enjoy the picnic lunch, visit with friends and meet MU President Maravene Loeschke. Reservations appreciated.
- 12 p.m.
 

**Dr. John Heaps Memorial Service,** Oakwood Cemetery.  
 11:30 a.m. Meet at Alumni Tent Party
- 12 - 4 p.m.
 

**Fun and Games at the Fitness Center**  
 Bring the kids and join us for an old-fashioned fair at Kelchner Fitness Center. Test your agility on the blow-up obstacle course and the Velcro wall, take home a unique souvenir when you pose for an old-fashioned photo or create a wax hand. Campus organizations will be sponsoring additional activities including face painting and free balloons. (Note: there may be a small fee for some activities.)
- 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
 

**North Hall Library open.**
- 12:30 p.m.
 

**MU Baseball intra-squad game,** Shaute Field.  
 Followed by Dr. John Heaps Alumni Baseball Game. All returning players will receive a commemorative baseball hat. FMI contact Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey [smcclosk@mansfield.edu](mailto:smcclosk@mansfield.edu) 570-662-4845 or Head Baseball Coach Harry Hillson [hhillson@mansfield.edu](mailto:hhillson@mansfield.edu) 570-662-4457.
- 1:30 p.m.
 

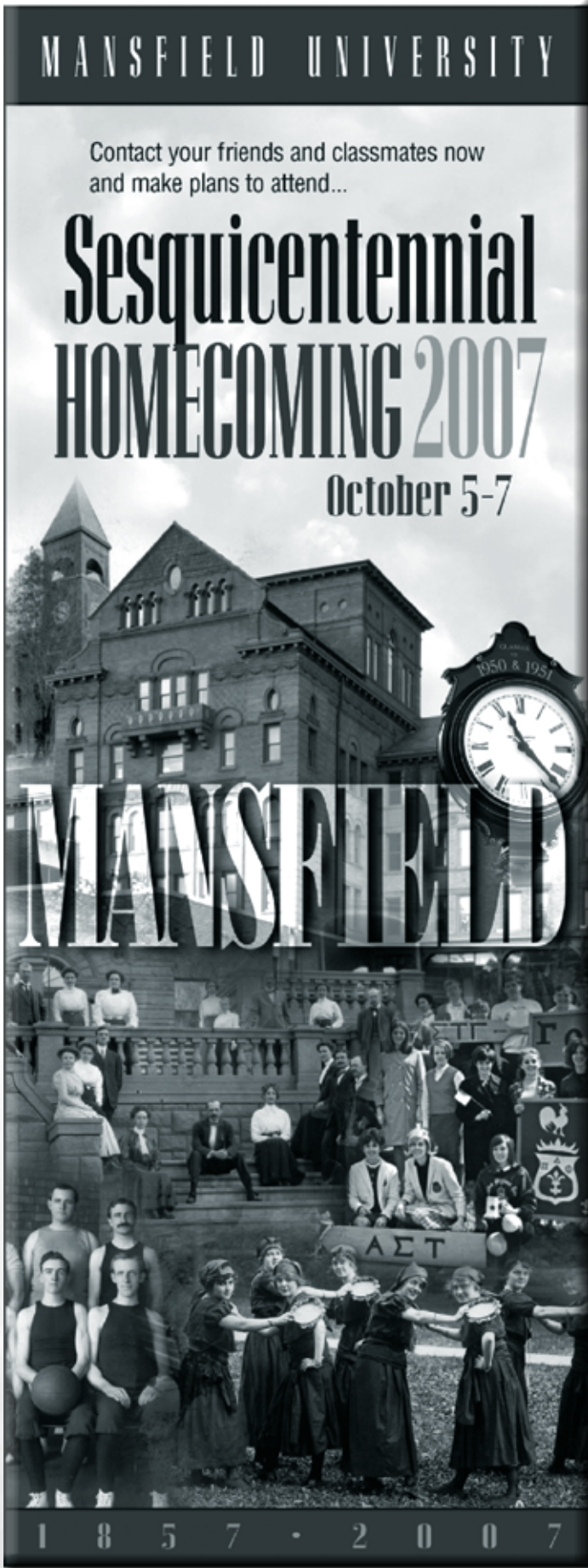
**MU Women's Soccer vs. West Chester,** Soccer Field.
- 2 p.m.
 

**Marching Band Festival,** Van Norman Field.  
 Field Show Festival for High School Marching Bands.
- 4 p.m. (approx)
 

**Finale,** performance by *The Spirit and The Pride of Pennsylvania!* Marching Band. FMI contact [abrennan@mansfield.edu](mailto:abrennan@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4735
- 6 p.m.
 

**"Remembering Doc Heaps,"** location TBD.  
 Dinner, remembrances and a special announcement by the MU Baseball program. For reservations contact Steve McCloskey [smcclosk@mansfield.edu](mailto:smcclosk@mansfield.edu) 570-662-4845 or Harry Hillson [hhillson@mansfield.edu](mailto:hhillson@mansfield.edu) 570-662-4457.
- 6 p.m.
 

**Greek Gathering,** location TBD.  
 FMI contact Aaron Hackman at [hackmana@mansfield.edu](mailto:hackmana@mansfield.edu)



- 7 p.m.
 

**Prism Concert,** Steadman Theatre, Butler.  
 This unique concert features most MU music ensembles and includes a variety of music. For reservations or more information [sachey@mansfield.edu](mailto:sachey@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4710 or visit [www.music.mansfield.edu](http://www.music.mansfield.edu) and click on the calendar of events to order tickets on line.
- 9 p.m.
 

**Jack's Mannequin** in concert, Decker Gymnasium.  
 Piano rock band from California, with lead singer Andrew McMahon. FMI contact Student Activities [kmcnett@mansfield.edu](mailto:kmcnett@mansfield.edu) 570-662-4933

Sunday October 7

- 1 – 11 p.m.
 

**North Hall Library open.**
- 2 – 10 p.m.
 

**Kelchner Fitness Center open.**

Please let us know that you've joined us for Homecoming by stopping in Laurel A lobby to sign in on Saturday from 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. All alums that register will be eligible to win one of the 25 door prizes - A beautiful red fleece blanket with the commemorative Sesquicentennial logo 1857 - 2007. If you attend the Golf Tournament, Hall of Fame dinner and/or the tent party, you will automatically be entered for the door prize drawing.





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## HOMEcoming REGISTRATION FORM

For additional info call 570-662-4179 or e-mail [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu)

Please complete and return the form by **September 28, 2007** to:  
Alumni Relations Office, 525A North Hall, Mansfield University,  
Mansfield, PA 16933

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list who will be attending with you and their class year if a Mansfield Alum: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check enclosed payable to: MUF, Inc. – Homecoming

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Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you must cancel your reservations for any of the above events, please  
inform the Alumni office at 570-662-4179. Thank you for helping us manage our costs!

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Homecoming Golf Tournament # \_\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 nonmember/\$85 member Corey Creek Golf Club

Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction # \_\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken

# \_\_\_\_\_ Beef

Please note that reservations for the Hall of Fame dinner will be accepted until capacity is reached, which may be earlier than the September 28 deadline.

If you are attending to support a particular Hall of Fame inductee, please include their name here:

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Alumni Tent Party # \_\_\_\_\_ of reservations @ \$3 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Mediterranean Cruise November 5-15, 2007

This voyage presents the past in all its glory and complements this historical perspective with a collection of modern delights. Prices start at \$2500 pp (double occupancy) and include round trip air from Philadelphia, all meals onboard, transfers, government taxes and port charges. Departs Athens, Greece with ports of call in Turkey, Malta, Italy and France.

### Mozart's Christmas December 1-8, 2007

Unique eight-day land journey to some of Europe's most picturesque cities — Salzburg, Linz, Vienna and Prague — cities associated with the life of one of the world's greatest composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Prices start at \$2069 pp (double occupancy) and include air/taxes/insurance from Philadelphia, hotels and some meals.

### Panama Canal Cruise January 6-16, 2008

Boarding in Ft. Lauderdale, you'll spend two days at sea before your first port of call in Aruba. You'll sail on to Cartagena, Columbia, and then to the Panama Canal and Colón, Panama. Next you will enter the city of Limon, Costa Rica with the last port of call in Montego Bay, Jamaica before returning to Ft. Lauderdale. Prices start at \$1676 pp (double occupancy) and include roundtrip air from Philadelphia, all meals onboard, port charges and transfers. Government and air taxes are additional.

### Australia/New Zealand 16-day Cruise and Land Tour March 17– April 2, 2008

Your flight from the US will arrive in Sydney where you'll spend the first four days of your excursion. Once onboard ship you will visit the following locations: Melbourne and Tasmania in Australia and Fiordland National Park, Dunedin, Christchurch and Tauranga in New Zealand before arriving in Auckland for your transfer to the airport. Pricing begins at \$3075 pp (double occupancy) with an anticipated additional cost of \$1800 - \$2000 for air (not yet determined).



# President Loeschke's Inauguration Address

When I was a child a teacher said to me, "Make sure you leave the world better than you found it." I wasn't sure what he meant then; later I came to realize that those words were a beacon guiding the direction of my life. That beacon has only gotten stronger with time. We often tend to be greatly influenced by what people think we will become, - especially when we are children. This reinforces how important teachers are in helping young people set directions for their lives.

It is a humbling and rich experience for me to look out over this group. It is a moment unlike any I have ever, or likely will ever again, experience. I see members of my family, former colleagues from Towson University and from Wilkes University, and also my new colleagues from Mansfield University and the PASSHE System; former neighbors from Baltimore and Wilkes-Barre and members of my new community here in Mansfield; former students from thirty years ago and all of the Mansfield students who make my life rich now. It is a bit like experiencing the arc of my life at a sweeping glance – my first playmate from Oak Road is



President Loeschke poses for a picture with Wilkes University faculty members (L-R) Brian Whitman, and Anne and Ming Lew. Loeschke was provost at Wilkes before accepting the presidency at MU. In the background is Nan Duerling, who attended high school with the president.

here as is my Aunt Libby, who made this trip from Virginia at the age of 94. And then there are my friends from high school and college, many of whom traveled from across the country, and my new friends who live on or near the campus. It is not possible to articulate what this day means to me and how grateful I am to have you all here. I am experiencing the thrill of challenge and an overwhelming sense of gratitude. I will never take lightly the responsibility bestowed on me today. But ceremonies and rituals are not about a single event or one individual; they are about gathering the heart and soul of every person present into a collective harmony that encapsulates the essence of a community. Today's ceremony is about the faculty before me and on stage, my System colleague presidents, the Council of Trustees, the Alumni, my colleagues on the President's Cabinet, the Foundation Board, those who give generously to our Mansfield mission. It is about Chancellor Hample, Chairman Jarin and Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, Representative Baker and our legislators - all of whom are working together to help ensure an accessible, excellent education for students in our System. It is about the staff; it is about the community; and most centrally it is about the students. The inauguration is a celebration of humanity and service, and of our mission to support students and their success.

It is a peaceful feeling to celebrate and reflect. I am also aware of how grateful we should all be for this feeling of joy today when many throughout our country and the world are struggling with devastation and fear. Those in New Orleans and Haiti and Darfur have no such moments in which to reflect. I have always believed that one of the greatest responsibilities of an educated person is to provide the energy that promotes peace in our families, communities and in our world culture, where children can grow and learn without empty stomachs and where adults can thrive without fear for the lives of their families.

"Developing Tomorrow's Leaders" is the new focus of a Mansfield University education. And we do not take the mission lightly. Building on decades of strength in leadership development for undergraduate and graduate students, the University has strengthened its focus on leadership development and is in the process of reinforcing the threads of that development in the curriculum, campus activities, residence and commuter life, internships and community partnerships. In five years, MU will be a recognized center for leadership development in the country. Today

is a ceremony that marries strong liberal arts education and professional programs with leadership development for all students.

The values found in a liberal arts education – critical, analytical and creative thinking, informational literacy, passion for personal excellence, insatiable intellectual curiosity, written and oral communication skills, quantitative reasoning, ethical behavior, and character – are the same skills that are applicable to the development of effective leadership and skills that can equip a person to become a life-long learner. At the undergraduate level at Mansfield, the values of leadership will be embroidered throughout the undergraduate experience as is appropriate for the academic disciplines. We have developed a new minor in leadership, reinstated our Associate Degree, and strengthened summer and freshmen programs to better support the under-prepared student. We are increasing student activities and internships, revitalizing resident and Greek life and service learning, and increasing services for our commuter students. I want to talk for a moment about the many rural students that this institution serves. Often, these students do not arrive on campus with a great deal of self-confidence. They sometimes do not recognize their own potential, and they sometimes are caught by surprise at the academic rigor of college. But they come with a set of qualities that are growing rarer in freshmen. Rural students are hungry for a college education, they don't waste time, they show up early and stay late, they know how to problem-solve. They care about the environment; they have focus and understand how to bring a project to conclusion on schedule. They bring with them many of the skills on which effective leadership is built, skills that often have to be taught to young people.

In our graduate offerings at Mansfield, we are exploring a new master's degree in Organizational Leadership, and we are exploring leadership tracks in our existing masters programs. In addition, we intend to expand our existing online graduate programs and create new online low residency programs matched to needs of the areas we serve. Mansfield University will provide tomorrow's leaders in health care, business, government, education, public and social service and the arts. Whether our graduates choose to apply their skills to families, farms, places of worship, communities, the state, country or the world, they will do so with Character, Scholarship, Culture and Service, which is the Mansfield Creed, and which is not only emblazoned on the wall, but lived on this campus.



Faculty and dignitaries gather outside Straughn Hall before the inauguration ceremony.



I am often asked, "What do you think good leadership is?" For me, it involves steering a collective vision toward an end result that forwards the common good, and empowers people to do their best work.

A hundred and fifty years ago, this year, the borough of Mansfield and the Mansfield Classical Seminary, the foremother of Mansfield University, were founded. We are proud to share the sesquicentennial anniversary with the borough. Mansfield University strives to be an intellectual, social, cultural and economic engine for our community and the region. In his book, *BOOM TOWN, Seven and a Half Keys to Big Success in Small Towns*, Jack Schultz lists qualities of successful small towns, including: adopting a can do attitude, creating a vision, encouraging entrepreneurship, building a brand and raising strong leaders. We want to create partnerships with the community and region in the development of the leadership that will ensure economic growth and sustainability to our community and region. We strive to create a Leadership Institute at the University; its mission: to create partnerships with local, regional and statewide schools and organizations; and to provide economic and leadership development by sharing resources and knowledge. We are also instituting a lecture and workshop series for our students, faculty, staff and the community.

The world is clearly in a crisis, and it is the ethical responsibility of Higher Education to produce citizens who can guide positive change. The University does not promise that all students will graduate as leaders. Responsible followers are important as well. What we promise is that students will be exposed to leadership development in and outside of class throughout their education, and those who wish to hone and apply those skills will be provided with a myriad of opportunities to do so.

I direct my following comments to our students.

I want to talk about dreams. I am reminded of remarks that Bill Cosby made in a graduation address at Wilkes University. He said, "I am tired of hearing about this dream stuff. Many of you need to stop all of this dreaming and wake up, stop sleeping away the day, and start getting things done." While I agree with the need to wake up, I still hold firm to the importance of dreams. The communication of our dreams now travels through cyberspace, but they begin in the heart. As I watched the Oscars a few weeks ago, I was aware that this was a milestone moment for each recipient. Standing at the podium, gold statuette in hand, it was for each the culmination of a dream started long ago – to be identified for artistic excellence. I cannot tell you how many Oscar speeches I gave to myself in the mirror, gold shampoo bottle in hand. Little did I know that the speech I would be giving would be as a university president. All I can say is be prepared for the unexpected opportunities life has in store for you. Ten or 20 years from now someone is going to win the Nobel Prize, someone is going to cure AIDS, someone is going to bring peace to the Middle East and someone is going to start new

businesses in Tioga County. There is no reason that someone cannot be you.

Students... I am going to give you inside information about what people look for when hiring, promoting and determining awards and honors. The salient point is not that one possesses qualities of leadership, but rather what one does with these qualities. One needs not only talent, but also vision, passion, compassion, discipline, courage, and humility. Talent comes as a gift from the gods when we are born. But possessing talent is less important than accepting the responsibilities of talent.

Vision is not mercurial; it is a dream accompanied by a plan. I encourage you

to identify an issue that is bigger than you are and start an action plan now. Ever since performing in *The Miracle Worker*, a play about Helen Keller, I have been intrigued by how a blind person could possess the vision she did. When she was asked what could be worse than being born blind?" she replied, "To have sight without vision."

Passion is the relentless energy to achieve personal excellence. Excellence is a life-long attitude, not a set of grades or a high GPA. Colin Powell, a man who takes freedom seriously, in his book on leadership, wrote, "The freedom to do your best means nothing if you do not do your best."

Compassion is emotional intelligence. Ronald Goldman wrote that emotional intelligence is the ability to filter, assess and adjust one's effect on

others and relating through empathy.

Discipline is the ability to recognize what needs to be done and then getting it done. Very few professionals in positions of authority, when they were students, had to be urged to study.

Courage is the ability to make tough decisions, embrace the challenge, take creative risks, and follow your gut. The application of courage is reliant on a strong ethical base that unmercifully dictates a sense of personal and professional right and wrong. Humility and respect are the core of leadership. Students... the world is far bigger than personal importance. It is important to recognize what you don't know. You will encounter in your life many people who know more than you do, including teachers, custodians, world leaders and your grandparents.

Representatives of Mansfield's international students take part in President Loeschke's inauguration.



Also, in the world of today and tomorrow, a final determining factor in the quality of your future success is whether you are conversant in more than one language. Most importantly: Find love in your work, in others and in yourself. More than likely we get only one lifetime on this earth. Make it count for something.

In my theatre life, I have played queens, prostitutes, lawyers, drunks, poets, men, writers, designers, housewives, nuns, psychiatrists, psychopaths, and animals. Theatre has given me a lens through which to view and absorb the human condition and I have learned from being inside each skin.

Today, I hear a number of them whispering in my ear.

Emily Dickinson is saying:

*"I dwell in possibility.  
We never know how high we are  
Till we are asked to rise  
And then if we are true to plan  
Our statures touch the skies,"*

Shirley Valentine is saying:

*"If you don't live life fully, it is crime against, God, isn't it? I have allowed myself to live this little life when there was so much more I could have lived a bigger life with. Why do we get all of these.*

As I stand here today in wonderment, I hear Eleanor of Aquitaine saying:

*How, from where I started, did I ever reach this day?"*

Ultimately, the new focus at Mansfield University is a noble one for it involves preparing people of all ages to make extraordinary things happen in a world in need of repair. There is no shortage of opportunity to improve the human condition. It is a life-long internship awaiting you.

If indeed, peace and safety are vital ingredients in an effective learning environment... If the future of our world culture is now held hostage by the language of violence... If the world continues to lose generations of young people in the quest for freedom to think and to learn and to speak...

THEN it is the moral imperative of Higher Education to produce educated, compassionate citizens who have the skills and courage to take action with hand, head and heart to better the human condition.

Peace is not an international agreement; leadership is not politics; and service is not just what we do for free.

Peace – Leadership – and Service – are an intertwined trinity on which the health of our society rests.

The process begins with and within each one of us - one thought, one action, one sacrifice at a time.

The path of personal and professional harmony is paved by the dreams of all those who traveled before us, education is its transport, leadership is its guide. I am honored to take this part of the ride with you. Happy journey.

—Maravene Loeschke March 30, 2007



Shannon Wolman sings *Wind Beneath My Wings* during the ceremony. Wolman was a surprise guest, with President Loeschke dedicating the song to her husband Dick Gillespie. Wolman was a student of Loeschke and Gillespie at Towson University.





## From Your Alumni Director

Our year-long Sesquicentennial celebration continues with the publication of the special 2007 edition of the Mansfield University Alumni Directory. If you forgot to order one, there are still a few available for purchase. Call the publisher Harris Connect at 1-800-877-6554. I received the following message from a 2007 grad regarding the directory –

*Hi Denise,*

*My mom (Diana Samchuck Hudock '74) received her 2007 alumni directory and couldn't put it down. I'm serious – she leafed through it for hours. I think she is even more anxious for the next one where our names will be listed back to back!*

*Erica Hudock '07*

Alumni Weekend is always a special time for alumni and friends to return to campus and this year was more special than ever as we celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an institution of higher education! Retired faculty renewed friendships at Saturday's luncheon and reunion classes with years ending in 2 and 7 received special recognition as well. The Class of 1957 enjoyed sharing memories and getting caught up on the last fifty years during their class meeting. The Golden Anniversary class was warmly received as they entered Saturday's luncheon to "Pomp and Circumstance." Forty-nine of the known living class members (48%) attended the special Sesquicentennial celebration, and 68 class members (67%) made a contribution to the class gift, an endowed scholarship fund. The Class of 1957 was proud to present President Loeschke with a check for \$15,125 to fund the scholarship. A heartfelt "thank you" to all the volunteers who share their time and talents to make the weekend so interesting and enjoyable! For more on Alumni Weekend see page 15 and Society of Honors see page 16.



Madaline Woodcock Gilbert '41, Arnold Parker '40 and Numa Snyder '42 get reacquainted during the Alumni Weekend LobsterFest.

We received this photograph from Lt. Col. Arden Smith, Ret. Col. Smith currently resides in Sarasota, Florida but makes an annual trip to his hometown of Wellsboro, PA. He joins us at the Florida alumni events and is in touch with the alumni office when he visits Pennsylvania. While Col. Smith did not attend Mansfield, both his mother, Kathryn McInroy Smith 1905 and his sister Alice Smith Bailey 1932 graduated from Mansfield and the Colonel has established a scholarship in their memory and honor. The Colonel provided us with this photo of the Smith/Bailey clan celebrating Alice's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday in Ohio last summer.



The Smith/Bailey Clan celebrate Alice Smith Bailey's 96th birthday. Alice is in the middle row, fifth from the left.

**Washington D.C.** On Tuesday, November 13, MU Alumni and Friends will be gathering at Garrett's Restaurant and Railroad Tavern in Georgetown from 6 – 9 p.m. for appetizers and beverages. **Carl Ruck '80**, a member of the MU Foundation Board, will be on hand to help me welcome you to the event. Alumni from Kutztown and Shippensburg will be joining us. Invitations will be mailed to alumni residing in the D.C. area.

Join us on campus this fall for **Homecoming October 5-7**. We have some new activities planned that we hope you'll enjoy. Be sure to attend the Finale of the Marching Band Festival on Saturday afternoon when *The Spirit and The Pride of Pennsylvania!* Mountie Marching Band will perform. See pages 10 & 11 for complete information and to register!

*Denise*

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Class of 1957. Row one: Cecilia Sullivan Deck, Joyce Bowman Wichert, Barbara Tiffany Robeson, Dolores Griffin Wheeler, Phyllis Marcus, Jean Keir Carleton, Jacque Harer Harbach, Sarah Landis Beyer, Ann Mosher Denhoff, Shirley Sandrock Barnhardt, Jan Brown Lewis, Marvine Thomas Vannauker, Sue Clark Grumbine, M. Jane Noll Athey. Row two: Nancy Hallett Treible, Donald Snider, William "Bob" Killgore, William Brocklebank, Ann Frailey Lichtenwalner, Olynda Chaffee Smith, Gail Kuhns Mealey, Carolyn Gregory Swinsick, Judith Smith Jones, Shirley Boyce Smith, Ivy Carpenter, Barry Vannauker. Row three: William "Ted" Wichert, Harold Hackett, George Yearick, Cyril Stretansky, Edward Kennedy, C. Jarrett Miller, Cloyd Price, Clark Hall, Gary Cruttenden, G. Bernard Freer. Row four: George Baron, Joseph Linkoski, Robert Swinsick, Richard Haven, Duane Phillips. In attendance, not pictured: Catherine Brann Corea, William Dewey, Elizabeth Maloney Fiocca, Charlie Powers, Sue Root, Ann Taylor, Leonard Yusko.



## "A Sesquicentennial Celebration"

More than 350 alumni, family and friends returned to campus for Alumni Weekend 2007, June 7-10. "A Sesquicentennial Celebration" was the theme of this year's celebration as MU and the Borough of Mansfield celebrate their 150th anniversaries together.

The Class of 1957, celebrating their 50th anniversary, were this year's honored guests for alumni weekend. Forty-nine members of the class returned to MU and were recognized at a luncheon on Saturday. The Class of '57 endowed a scholarship fund as a special gift to the University.

Also honored at the luncheon were this year's Society of Honors award winners. **Cyril Stretansky '57** received the Alumni Citation Award. **Marcella Hyde-Smith '56** was presented with the Elsie Burke Service Award. **Esther Kennedy '87** was named this year's Outstanding Young Alumni. The Distinguished Educator Award was presented to **Duane Vicini '75**. For more on this year's honorees see page 16.

"I know you all have deep and precious, transforming memories here," President Maravene Loeschke told the luncheon gathering. "It is my job and my pleasure to keep this institution with all the rooted values that you found here to build your professions, your lives and your character. The world needs far more Mansfield's and I'm here to make sure this one keeps those values that we all hold dear."

Another highlight of Saturday's luncheon was the celebration of Grace Truax's 100th birthday. She attended Mansfield Normal School in the summers of 1925, 1926 and 1927. Her son **Bennie Truax '58** and daughter-in-law **Gail Fitzwater Truax '60** accompanied Grace to campus so that we could celebrate her special day. Truax, who still enjoys crocheting and creates afghans and dish clothes, was presented an MU afghan by Alumni Director Denise Berg.

After the luncheon a special gathering for the music "Supies" from 1957 was held. It was organized by Bill Brocklebank and hosted by MU Director of Choral Activities Peggy Dettwiler.

**Numa Snyder '42** provided tableside violin music during Thursday evening's Italian dinner. He also provided the piano music for Saturday's luncheon and piano accompaniment for Friday's annual sing-along, which was organized by **MayBelle Woodin Golis '49**.

The weekend featured several social events, offering opportunities to renew acquaintances and make new ones, tours of campus, an Alumni Golf Tournament at Corey Creek Golf Club, and a bus excursion to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.

For much more on Alumni Weekend 2007, go online to <http://mansfield.edu/~alumni/alumniweekend07.htm>.

Mark your calendars for Alumni Weekend 2008 on June 12-14. If you are interested in volunteering to help with Alumni Weekend, contact Denise Berg at [dberg@mansfield.edu](mailto:dberg@mansfield.edu) 570-662-4853.



On behalf of the Class of 1957, Robert Swinsick and Olynda Chaffee Smith present President Loeschke with a check to fund an endowed scholarship.



Alumni and friends of the university enjoyed a great day on the links at the annual Alumni Weekend Tournament at Corey Creek Golf Club.



(L-R front) Diane Hess Bardsley '64, Helene Trimborm Messner '64, William Messner '64 (L-R back) Vincent Bardsley and Larry VanDruff '64 enjoy the lobster and London broil dinner on Friday.



On Friday evening, MayBelle Woodin Golis '49 led the annual sing-along and Numa provided the piano accompaniment.



Numa Snyder '42 provided delightful tableside violin music during Thursday evening's Italian dinner. (He also provided the piano music for Saturday's luncheon.)



Grace Truax and her son Bennie Truax '58 show off the MU afghan that was presented to Grace in celebration of her 100th birthday.



Pat Brown Davis '61 organized and helped to provide the entertainment for the Patriotic Picnic which followed the dedication of the Veteran's memorial. Charlie Jacobson '68 and Ann Bradley Serva '60 also performed.



## 2007 Society of Honors

Each year the Alumni Association honors alumni for outstanding achievements in four categories. Awards are presented during Alumni Weekend. If you know of a deserving alumnus, please use the nomination form on page 20, the online form available on the Alumni website at [www.mansfield.edu](http://www.mansfield.edu) or contact Denise Berg, director of alumni relations at [dberg@mansfield.edu](mailto:dberg@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4853.

### The Alumni Citation Award

#### CYRIL M. STRETANSKY '57

The Alumni Citation Award recognizes contributions to society through professional, civic, and philanthropic work and leadership activities.

After graduating with a BS in Music, Stretansky earned his Master's in Music at Temple University. He did additional study at the Meadowbrook School of Oakland University, MI and at Cambridge University, England. Stretansky is director of choral activities at Susquehanna University (SU) in Selinsgrove, PA, where he holds the Stretansky Distinguished Professorship Chair in Choral Music. He has received national recognition as conductor of the SU Choir as a result of its tours and broadcasts on The Protestant Hour, a program heard weekly on 500 radio stations in the U.S. In 2003, Susquehanna honored Stretansky, dedicating the concert hall of its new Center for Music and Arts in his name. He served 24-years as music director and conductor of the Susquehanna Valley Chorale and the Orchestra of the Susquehanna Valley Chorale. Stretansky's credits as a guest conductor, choral clinician, adjudicator and baritone soloist are extensive. He has served as artistic director and principal conductor of the International Music Festival in Italy, where he conducted massed festival choirs at St. Peter's Basilica and other historic venues. He received the John C. Horn Award for distinguished scholarship and service to SU in 1987 and in 1988 was named to the first MU Music Department Honor Roll. Sigma Alpha Iota recently named him a National Arts Associate and the American Choral Directors Association of Pennsylvania presented him with the Elaine Brown Award for distinguished artistic leadership and choral conducting excellence. In 1995 the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association awarded him a citation for excellence in teaching for higher education.

### The Elsie Burke Service Award

#### MARCELLA M. HYDE-SMITH '56

The Elsie Burke Service Award recognizes outstanding leadership, loyalty and service to Mansfield University.

Hyde-Smith's professional career and personal life have always had education as a focal point. She earned her BS in Elementary Education and went on to earn a Master's and Doctorate of Education from Penn State University. In addition to her work in the Pennsylvania public schools as a teacher, reading consultant and coordinator, and a director of Curriculum and Federal Programs, she was also an adjunct faculty member at both MU and Penn State. Hyde-Smith was the recipient of the MU 1988 Distinguished Educator Award. Her volunteer service to Mansfield spans more than 35 years and includes serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and as a member of the Council of Trustees. She was a member of the steering committees for saving North Hall and for the first-ever comprehensive campaign at Mansfield. Hyde-Smith also served in a leadership capacity for the Mansfield chapters of Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Kappa Gamma. A charter member of the Mansfield University Foundation, she served from 1974 until 2006 and was recently made an honorary member. As a tribute to her service to Mansfield, in 2002 she was the recipient of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Eberly Award for volunteerism. Hyde-Smith and her husband Al Smith '49, maintain residences in Canton and Exton, PA, and in West Palm Beach, FL.

### The Distinguished Educator Award

#### DUANE A. VICINI '75

The Distinguished Educator Award recognizes outstanding service, dedication and leadership to education.

After earning a BS in Elementary Education, Vicini began his teaching and coaching career in the Warren County School District. He earned a



(L-R) Society of Honors inductees Esther Kennedy '87, Duane Vicini '75, Marcella Hyde-Smith '56, MU President Maravene Loeschke and Cyril Stretansky '57.

Master's of Education degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master's of Educational Administration and Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from Saint Bonaventure University. His administrative career began as an assistant principal, and then principal, of Youngsville Middle/Senior High School. Vicini served as an internal facilitator of strategic planning, an NFICEP/ACEP leader level certified instructor, a MAC university leader level instructor for computer scheduling and software applications, and was certified by the NASSP to serve within their principals' assessment system. He has served as the co-director of a satellite assessment center at Indiana University of PA. Vicini served on the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Secondary Schools Pennsylvania State Advisory Committee and as the President of the northwest chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and was later awarded the Robert Flynn Memorial Award from the organization. He co-authored *A Strategic Planning Guide for Pennsylvania Schools*. Vicini served as assistant superintendent of the Forest Area Schools District and now serves as superintendent. He has served two terms as CEO of the Venango Technology Center and is currently chair of the Forest/Warren Higher Education Council. He is also the financial officer for the Court Appointed Special Advocates Board of Directors for Forest and Warren Counties. Vicini serves on the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools State Board of Directors. Vicini and his wife Donna Meier Vicini '75 reside in Russell, PA with their two children, Lisa and Craig.

### The Outstanding Young Alumni Award

#### ESTHER KENNEDY '87

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award is given for outstanding professional performance, achievements and leadership to those who have graduated in the last 25 years.

Kennedy earned her BSE in Social Studies/History and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Science in Environmental Administration from Antioch Graduate School in 1990. She began her career teaching biology and a gifted marine science program at Brunswick High School, ME. In 1991 Kennedy accepted a job educating at-risk students, helping them earn their GED while sailing on a tall ship at sea. This experience helped her to recognize her aptitude of working with students with special needs. She completed course work at Notre Dame College, NH and became a specialist in working with students with learning disabilities and students with emotional behaviors. She finished her administration certification at Notre Dame in 1999 and became director of student services at the Gilford School District in Gilford, NH. Kennedy has served on many New Hampshire state committees. She is also an adjunct professor at Plymouth State University, NH, where she teaches graduate classes in special education and oversees student teachers. In 2006, Kennedy received the Special Education Director of the Year from the Special Education Administrators Association in New Hampshire. She was also named the New Hampshire Special Education Director of the Year. Kennedy resides in Portsmouth, NH, where she is the owner/operator of Esther's Marina. She sits on the New Hampshire Governors Advisory Committee for Marine Affairs. Her involvement in community organizations includes working with 4-H programs, running of Challenger's Cup and sitting on the Historical Strawberry Bank Education Committee.



# Alumni Association Leadership

The Alumni Association Board of Director's summer meeting was held on June 9 in conjunction with Alumni Weekend.

During the meeting the board recognized the following members who are "retiring" from the board: [Melanie J. Cook '74](#) for six years of service and [Merle L. McCalips '68](#) for three years of service. [George R. Beyer '58](#) will continue to serve on the board and was recognized for three years of service.

The board extends a warm welcome to newly selected board members: [Marsha Earley Malinich '54](#), retired (Binghamton, NY); [Barry G. Peters '70](#), retired music educator (Endicott, NY); [Diana L. Rizzo '04](#), Human Resources for Mercy Health Partners (Tunkhannock, PA); [Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04](#), Development Coordinator at Evangelical Hospital (Mifflinburg, PA). Congratulations to the following board members who were elected or re-elected to leadership positions: [Barbara A. King '78](#), president (Exton, PA); [Jerome P. Wood '77 '78](#), first vice president (Mechanicsburg, PA) and [John J. Quashnoc '70](#), second vice president (Hanover, PA).

The 18-member volunteer board promotes and supports the mutual interests and successes of the university and its alumni. Two of the primary objectives of the board are to assist the admissions department in the recruitment of quality students and to foster fellowship, loyalty and commitment of MU alumni through a variety of programs, benefits and events.

If you are interested in being considered as a board member and sharing your time and talents, please contact Denise Berg, director of Alumni Relations, at 570-662-4853 or dberg@mansfield.edu.

# Alumni Association Welcomes Newest Members

Before they walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, MU's newest graduates were welcomed by the Alumni Association at the annual Graduation Celebration on May 11. The event brings together graduates, their families, and university administration, faculty and staff on the day before Commencement.

Alumni Association **President Barb King '78** officially welcomed the soon-to-be alumni and **Annette Dutchess '92** was the guest speaker.

Dutchess, who graduated with a bachelors degree in psychology and went on to earn a Master's in School Guidance and Counseling from Frostburg State University (MD), is a K-6 school counselor at Warren L. Miller Elementary School in Mansfield. She also serves as a part time student counselor in the MU Academic and Human Development Department.

After proudly proclaiming that she is one of 17 members of her family to attend Mansfield, Dutchess urged the graduates to "take with you all the wonderful things you've learned here. Combine them with the great talents you've been given by God and you'll go great places."

In addition to the Graduation Celebration, the Alumni Association, led by Director of Alumni Relations Denise Berg, King and "Jiggs" McHale '58, treated the graduates to an ice cream social after Commencement practice.

The Graduation Celebration was made possible by the generous support of Professors Lee and Kathy Wright '82, William Chabala and Peter Keller, and by The Office of the Provost, The Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculties (AFSCUF), The American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the MU Alumni Association.



Annette Dutchess '92

# Alumni Assist with Recruitment Efforts

Many alumni stay connected to Mansfield by returning to campus for special alumni events like Homecoming and Alumni Weekend. Others attend Mansfield musical or athletic events in their local area. Alumni also stay connected by playing a very important role in the recruitment of quality students to Mansfield.

We've found that no one can tell the personal story that an alumnus can. As a graduate, you know that Mansfield University provides a friendly, welcoming environment that nurtures rich relationships between faculty, staff and students.

The admissions and alumni staff extend their appreciation to the following alumni who assisted this spring at a college reception.

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| <b>Bethlehem, PA</b><br>Dana Peters Huber '01<br>Richard A. Miller '84<br>Ellen Fischer Marx '76 | <b>Lewisburg, PA</b><br>Carol Himmelreich Brann '60<br>Brian Ulmer '05<br>Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04    |
| <b>Binghamton, NY</b><br>Anita Martin Marino '94<br>Laura Frederick Nagorny '93                  | <b>Philadelphia, PA</b><br>Dai Reed '02                                                                |
| <b>Harrisburg, PA</b><br>Warren Anderson '00<br>Timothy Mulroy '03<br>Nikki Ruth Tobias '03      | <b>Reading, PA</b><br>Yorelis Millayes-Rosa '06                                                        |
| <b>King of Prussia, PA</b><br>Tim June '78<br>Barbara King '78<br>Melissa Tuckey '98             | <b>Rochester, NY</b><br>Kim Cardone '04<br>Sarah Fischer '03<br>Krista Tyner '04                       |
| <b>Lancaster, PA</b><br>James Kimmel '83<br>Barbara Gamble Shenk '66                             | <b>Scranton, PA</b><br>Diana Rizzo '04                                                                 |
|                                                                                                  | <b>Williamsport, PA</b><br>Carol Himmelreich Brann '60<br>Brian Ulmer '05<br>Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04 |

Distance from campus or one of the regional recruiting areas didn't stop these alumni and friends from assisting admissions. They volunteered to participate by writing and mailing note cards directly from their homes.

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| Theresa Over Albury<br>Sitansu Bangura '05<br>George Beyer '58<br>Stacy Haugh Billet '98<br>Janet Fetherbay Bird '72<br>Craig Bomberger '05<br>Carol Himmelreich Brann '60<br>Amy Dupree Brooks '80<br>Leah Bush '03<br>Dorothy Campbell '02<br>Kim Cardone '04<br>Andrew Carola '53<br>Olga Chernetskaya '06<br>Jennifer Codd '99<br>Melanie Cook '74<br>Mark Costello '74<br>Sherada Beth Davis '72<br>Thomas Eldridge '89<br>Bev Wilber Evans '69 | MayBelle Woodin<br>Colis '49<br>Mia Ellis Hill '99<br>Dana Peters Huber '01<br>Chris Johannessen '90<br>Pamela Pfleegor Kemp '76<br>Barb King '78<br>Bonnie Lugg Kyofski '62<br>Suzanne Yeager<br>Litzenberger '01<br>Ryan Manning '00<br>Anita Martin Marino '94<br>John "Jiggs" McHale '58<br>Rachel Miletto '03<br>Richard Miller '84<br>James Moyer '02<br>Timothy Mulroy '03<br>Laura Frederick Namorny '93<br>Kenneth Okugbeni '05 | Paslis Panagiotis '07<br>Sharhonda Pointer '96<br>Godwin Quashigah '06<br>John Quashnoc '70<br>Timothy Rooney '88<br>Mike Ruhl '02<br>Jaclyn Silverman '01<br>Christopher Staub '02<br>Rachel Matulewicz Staub '01<br>Sahr Thomas '07<br>Nicole Ruth Tobias '03<br>Maria Trego '03<br>Krista Tyner '04<br>Kathy Kollar Valovage '90<br>Bill Walsh '78<br>Carol Watson '78<br>Jerry Wood '77 |
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If you are interested in helping with recruitment efforts, please contact Tam Soderberg at tsoderbe@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4814.

Alumni also assisted admissions by presenting scholarship certificates to incoming freshman at local high schools. If you are interested in helping in the future, please contact Dixie Sheridan at dsherida@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4296.

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| Nancy Conklin '84, Troy Area HS<br>Verna Correll '83, South Williamsport HS<br>Vicki Fensterbush '93, Lewistown Area HS<br>Martin Festa '92, Hazelton Area HS<br>Jessica Friedlander '99, Canton HS<br>Marianne D Hennip '78, Northeast Bradford HS | Jeffrey LaFrance '81, Wyalusing Valley HS<br>Sandra Reith '72, Liberty HS<br>James Schmitt '04, Windsor HS<br>Todd Smeltz '89, Upper Dauphin Area HS<br>Jodi Niver Wieder '95 Wellsboro Area HS |
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# MU on the Road

## MU in Florida

Alumni and friends in Florida provided a warm welcome to travelers from MU beginning with a relaxing luncheon cruise of Sarasota Bay aboard the Marina Jack II on Saturday, March 3.

On Monday, March 5, Tony Fiamingo '73 graciously hosted a golf outing at the Solana Golf Course at Pelican Preserve in Ft. Myers.

The Bayside Restaurant in Naples was an ideal location for Tuesday's luncheon and provided a view of beautiful Venetian Bay.

A special thanks to the Mansfield alumni and friends who help to coordinate and host our Florida events!



Sarasota. L to R: Donald Stanton '53, Jane Stanton, Dorothy Orme Scaggs '74, Beverly Evans Dunham '50, Diane Dunham Jeffer, Jarrett Miller '57, Susan Miller.



Sarasota. L to R: Julia Wertz Googins '53, Donna Congdon Mokrzyński '55, Stan Mokrzyński, Linda Trout, Irwin Trout '68.



Sarasota. L to R: Lt. Col. Arden Smith, Linda Dix Lee '61, Eveline Morgan Bland '61, Sandra Young-Snyder Hahnke '62, Bernard Hahnke '61, Sandra Barton '69, Lew Lee '62, Michael Renner (Provost and VP for Academic Affairs).



Sarasota. L to R: Mary Jones Rodine '50, Robert Rodine '52, Maureen McKenna (VP for University Advancement), Zack McKenna, Steve Dougherty, Ann Mikos Farina '80, Mary Kay Logan, Ron Logan '62.



Glenn Landis and Bill Strohecker '62 ready to hit the links at Pelican Preserve. Additional participants included Pete Guidi, Rod Kelchner, Ken Lee '48, Sylvia Mase, Bennie Truax '58, and Walter Rekirsch.



Tony Fiamingo '73, Richie Mase and Ed Cias prepare for an afternoon of golf at Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers.



Naples. Standing: Bernie Sabol, Marie Sabol, Marjorie Cole Lee '44, Ken Lee '48. Seated: Bennie Truax '58 and Grace Truax (attended Mansfield Normal 1925-1927).



Naples. Standing: Maureen McKenna (VP for University Advancement), Stew Casterline '71, Zack McKenna, Pete Guidi. Seated: Barbara Keller Beckley '53 and Julia Wertz Googins '53.



Naples. Standing: Ralph Rogers '58, Barbara Major Rogers '58, Barbara Keithan Kearney '56, Denise Berg (Director of Alumni Relations). Seated: Emma Yengst Benner '63 and Peg Ireland McCloskey '63.





Naples.  
Standing: Rod Kelchner,  
James DeWitt '51,  
Gwen Jones Dewitt '51,  
Joan Kelchner.  
Seated: Mary Perine Park '35  
and Jean Shryack.

MU in Pittsburgh

On Thursday, April 26, Dr. Vincent Lawrence '63 generously hosted an alumni and friends event at his Pittsburgh-area home in Natrona Heights to honor Mansfield's newest president, Dr. Maravene Loeschke and her husband Dick Gillespie. Director of Alumni Relations Denise Berg and Interim VP for University Advancement Dr. Joan Fisher, were on hand to welcome guests.



Vince (center) invites Marian Adams Fickter '77 and William Gallichio '77 to enjoy the buffet.



Carrie Kocher Oakley '95 and Wesley Oakley '95 have the opportunity to meet President Loeschke and get caught up on current Mansfield happenings.



Phi Sigma Epsilon brothers Steve Pregmon '66M73, Vince Lawrence '63 and Charles "Bob" Todd III '66 proudly display a Mansfield flag on Vince's house to welcome guests.



Together

Sesquicentennial Gala Set for October 13

"150 Years of Music" will be the theme of the Sesquicentennial Gala to be held on Saturday, October 13 in Manser Hall.

The evening will start with a reception from 5-6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:15 and then entertainment by MHS Jubilation, Shaft and Joe McConnell's Band will follow from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Guests must be 21 or older to attend. Dress is formal or dress of the period 150 years ago, when the Borough of Mansfield and Mansfield Classical Seminary were both founded.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Use the form below to reserve your seat(s). Deadline for reservations is October 5.

For more information, or to reserve seating by phone, call (570) 662-4046.

The Gala is sponsored by the Mansfield University Foundation and the Mansfield Sesquicentennial Committee.

Sesquicentennial Gala  
"150 Years of Music"

Saturday October 13, 2007

MU Main Manser Dining Hall (Upstairs)

- 5-6 p.m. .... Reception, Main Manser  
6 p.m. .... Celebration Toast  
6:15 p.m. .... Dinner  
8:30-11:30 p.m. .... Entertainment  
MHS Jubilation, "Shaft" and "Joe McConnell's Band"

Please return this form prior to October 5 with check payable to 'MU Foundation, Gala.'

Mail to: Mansfield University, 500 North Hall, Mansfield, PA 16933.

\_\_\_ # of Tickets @ \$20/per person

Select meal type for each guest:

\_\_\_ Beef Tenderloin Dinner      \_\_\_ Vegetarian Platter

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be seated with (max. 6 per table):

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Guests must be 21+ to attend and should arrive in formal or period dress. For more information or to reserve seating over the phone, call: (570) 662-4046.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY DUE TO LIMITED SEATING.



# Hall of Fame to Welcome Five New Members

Five Mountaineer greats have been elected to the Mansfield University Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. Tony Budzik '92 (basketball), Ed Merritt '55 (basketball, baseball), Joe Russell '65 (basketball, track & field), Mike Stewart '85 (baseball) and Frank Jerald 1906 (legend category) will be inducted during Homecoming Weekend.

The inductees will be honored at a dinner and awards ceremony on Friday, October 5.

For dinner reservations see page 11.

## Society of Honors Call for Nominations

To nominate Mansfield University Alumni for the following award(s), please check the applicable category. Complete the form below and **attach a narrative** citing the basis for the nomination.

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| <b>q ALUMNI CITATION</b><br>Recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions to society through professional, civic and philanthropic work and leadership activities. | <b>q DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR</b><br>Recognizes outstanding leadership, service and dedication to education.                                                          |
| <b>q ELSIE BURKE SERVICE</b><br>Acknowledges outstanding leadership, loyalty and service to Mansfield University.                                                          | <b>q OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI</b><br>Given for outstanding professional performance, achievements and leadership to alumni who have graduated in the last 25 years. |

NAME OF NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL TO: Alumni Relations Office, 525A North Hall,  
Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933

Questions? 570-662-4179  
Online form available at <http://www.mansfield.edu/~alumni>

# Library Program Receives Federal Grant

Mansfield University has been awarded a grant of nearly \$1 million from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The grant will be awarded through IMLS's 2007 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program and will support the MU School Library & Information Technologies Master's of Education (M.Ed.) online program that prepares school librarians.

Under a project entitled "Building Leaders," the MU School of Library and Information Technologies will partner with Antioch University in Seattle, WA, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to increase the number of school library media specialists across the nation by awarding 72 scholarships for master's degree programs to highly qualified teachers.

The universities will also collaborate with the Tacoma (WA) School District, training 60 principals in library advocacy and improving collaboration and leadership skills of school library media specialists.

"The 'Building Leaders' IMLS grant is unique in that it is based on a partnership with Antioch University in Seattle, Washington," Cynthia A. Keller, School Library & Information Technologies department chair, said. "The blended program will offer school library certification as well as staff development for librarians and principals. Scholarships will be awarded and students will be encouraged to assume leadership positions in school districts both nationally and internationally. The enrollment in the School Library & Information Technologies program at Mansfield University will continue to increase due to this grant."

This is the fourth award that Mansfield University has received from the federal IMLS, recognizing the ongoing success of the program in its goal to educate and place school librarians.

Launched in the fall of 2000, the Mansfield program was the first of its kind in the United States. Offered completely online, the master's program is designed to help address the shortage of certified library media specialists. It also helps current school librarians, whose job responsibilities have evolved and now include web page development, managing electronic resources, and instructing students in information literacy as well as other duties. The program has produced 215 graduates to date.

For more information on the MU School Library & Information Technologies program, check online at <http://library.mansfield.edu/>. Scholarship information can be found at <http://libweb.mansfield.edu/lapis/>.

# Career Center Online Services Available to Alumni

"It's a great service that not enough of our alumni are using," says Julia Overton-Healy, director of the Career Center. "If we have alumni who are looking for interns or employees, or conversely, if we have alumni looking for work or for a career change, CollegeCentral.com is a perfect opportunity." CollegeCentral.com is an online service provider used by all the PASSHE campuses to post jobs and internships, as well as by students and alumni to conduct focused job searches. "Accounts are free for alumni and students; employers' accounts are free too."

If alumni want to post their resumes, they simply need to register at [www.collegecentral.com/Mansfield](http://www.collegecentral.com/Mansfield), complete the form and upload their resumes for approval. If it's been a while since you've had your resume reviewed, call the Career Center and they'll be glad to help.

For employers, the URL is [www.collegecentral.com/Mansfield/employer.cfm](http://www.collegecentral.com/Mansfield/employer.cfm). An account from this site will allow employers to view only Mansfield student and alumni resumes and post jobs for viewing only by Mansfield

members. For alumni who would like an account to reach all PASSHE students, the URL is [www.collegecentral.com/pasystem](http://www.collegecentral.com/pasystem).

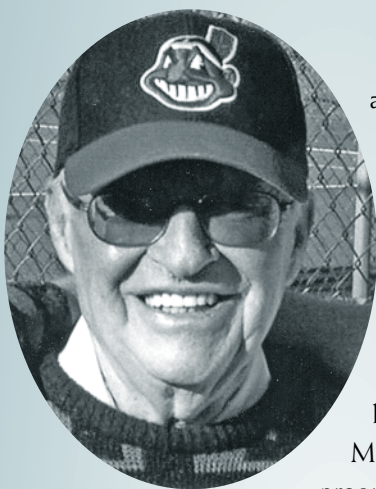
"Using CollegeCentral is a cost effective way for employers to locate talented Mansfield University students and alumni. It's also a great way to establish communication with the Career Center to get updates about recruiting events on campus."

Another quick and effective way to locate interns is the recently launched "Request an Intern" online form available at <http://www.mansfield.edu/economic/interns/request-for-student-intern.cfm>. "Most employers who use this form are local and offer internships that are not-for-credit," says Overton-Healy. "I'm happy to talk with employers about creating internships with their companies. Internships are win-win for everyone."

For more information, call the MU Career Center at 570-662-4133.



# "Doc" Heaps to be Honored During Homecoming



Mansfield University and the Mountaineer baseball program will honor the memory of the late John Heaps during the 2007 Homecoming celebration.

Heaps was the legendary coach of the Mountaineer baseball program from 1966-83

and is credited with establishing Mansfield as a national collegiate power. He posted winning records in 16 of 18 seasons while his 1979 squad finished third in the nation at the NCAA Division III World Series. Twenty-four of "Doc" Heaps players would be drafted by major league teams.

His passing on May 11 saddens not only his former players, but the thousands of others Heaps taught during his long career as a professor of elementary education at Mansfield.

Players and former students wishing to help honor his memory are asked to gather at the Alumni Tent located on the lawn next to Memorial Hall after the parade on Saturday morning.

Transportation will be provided to "Doc" Heaps grave site at Oakwood Cemetery for a wreath laying and memorial service.

The ceremony will be followed by an alumni baseball game featuring players from Heaps era starting at 12:30 p.m. at Shaute Field with the official retiring of "Doc" Heaps #1 baseball uniform.

Following the alumni game a tailgate party will be held at Corey Creek Golf Club where a special and permanent tribute to the memory of "Doc" Heaps will be announced.

Former players wishing to attend the memorial service, play in the alumni game or attend the tailgate party are requested to contact Steve McCloskey at [smcclosk@mansfield.edu](mailto:smcclosk@mansfield.edu) or (570) 662-4845.

## In Memory of Dr. John Heaps, Saturday, October 6, 2007

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| 11 a.m.    | Meet at Alumni Tent next to Memorial Hall                        |
| 11:15 a.m. | Oakwood Cemetery, wreath lay and memorial ceremony               |
| 12:30 p.m. | Retirement of "Doc" Heaps #1 jersey, Shaute Field                |
| 12:45 p.m. | Alumni baseball game, featuring players from the Heaps era       |
| 5 p.m.     | Corey Creek Golf Club, post game buffet and special announcement |



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## MANSFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

- 23-24 University Meeting Days  
27 Convocation, 2 p.m.  
Classes Begin, 4 p.m.

### September

- "Faculty's Choice," MU Student Art Show, University Gallery\*  
3 Labor Day-No Classes  
18 Frederick Douglass Institute presents, Emergence-See, Daniel Beaty, Straughn Hall, 7 p.m.  
28-29 Fabulous 1890s Weekend  
28 Prism Concert  
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.  
29 Parents & Family Day  
Prism Concert  
Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.

### October

- 5-7 Homecoming 2007  
6 Prism Concert  
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.  
15-16 Fall Holiday, No Classes  
20 Jazz Ensemble/Mansfieldians  
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.  
21 Octoberfest, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.  
27 Choral Collage, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.  
29 Octubafest, Steadman Theatre, 8:15 p.m.

\*Tentative event

### November

- "pARTners in Art/Life," Bill & Jean Stephens, University Gallery\*  
9 Mansfield Brass Quintet  
Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
10 Jazz Ensemble, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.  
11 Symphony Orchestra  
Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.  
18 Concert Wind Ensemble  
Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.  
21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday, No Classes  
26 Percussion Ensemble  
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.

### December

- 1 Holiday Choral Concert, "Peace on Earth," Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
2 Holiday Choral Concert, "Peace on Earth," Troy, PA H.S. auditorium, 3 p.m.  
5 Orchestra Holiday Concert  
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.  
6 Low Brass Holiday Concert  
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.  
15 Fall Commencement, 1 p.m.

### January

- 10-11 University Meeting Days  
14 Spring Semester, Classes Begin 8 a.m.  
21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, No Classes

### June

- 12-15 Alumni Weekend

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